

1955

Optimist



To a real sweet girl.
loads of luck in future
Mary Carter
54-55

We have had
a lot of fun this
year haven't. I hope
you are in my class
next year too. Always
stay as sweet as you are
Sue Ewing

To a sweet girl I have
enjoyed knowing. Lots
of luck in the future.
See you next year.
Joy Huf

To a real nice
girl in my
shorthand class
Sue always.
Betty Robinson

P. S. (P. - P. - P.)
H. J. Egelston

Best of luck to a real
sweet girl in my
shorthand I class.

Love,
Corky O'Neil

To a real sweet girl
in shorthand. Loads
of luck in the future
Elsie
Findon

To a very quiet
girl in shorthand I
who I don't know
very well.
Best of Luck!
Shirley Slanka

For a new
friend of mine
I hope you
will be there
to meet me

Yellow Belt.

To a nice girl in my home room & to a brain in accounting 1954-1955 - Loretta Bailey

To yellow, a sweet girl, I've enjoyed knowing you! Best of luck, Bonnie Beaul

To a sweet and sincere friend. Hope I'm with you next year. Elaine Johnson

To a very nice girl in my home room. The best of luck to you! Loretta Bailey

To a real sweet girl who I have known for a long time. I wish you loads of luck in your future. Donna Bellamy

To a real wonderful girl who I have known for a long time. Best of luck in all you do. Love, Anne Beam

To yellow, a very sweet girl who I have enjoyed knowing. Good luck in your senior year and always. Connie Brown

To a very nice girl in my shorthand and typing class. Charlotte Jenkins

To a swell girl who always helps me out of spelling jams when I forget. Good of luck! Dianne Ashcraft

To a very sweet girl in home room. Lots of luck Naomi Adams CJS

To a very nice girl who I have known for a long time. I wish you loads of luck in your future. Donna Bellamy

To a real
sweet fellow
short hand member.
loads of luck next
years.

Sonja Shea "55"

To a
sweet girl
who is in
most of my
classes. I never
change, yellow
and you will
always be liked.
Lots of luck
Next year.

Barker

To a very nice
girl in my
short hand and
Accounting class.
loads of luck
Phyllis "55"

To a fellow "baseball
player" (?) and future
secretary.
Lots of luck Always,
Barb Conn

Mary
To a swell
girl and may
you have the
best of luck
Everlynn
Hendling

To a very
nice and sweet
girl. Good luck
in the future?
Blanton

To a real sweet
girl. Best of luck
always. Phyllis
more

loads of luck to
a real sweet girl.
Gyonna Lurie

Good luck to a real
swell gal in my
English class.
Pauline Sawyer



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Middie Magic?



To one of the nicest persons that I know, Lots of luck that you will need.

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You a really nice girl in English class. Loads of luck in the future.
Saisle Wenzel

Love, Jerry Malott #



The 1955 Optimist
Middletown High School
Middletown, Ohio

MIDDIE MAGIC

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Social graces are exhibited as students gather in a gala atmosphere at Middie Manor to talk, drink cokes, play ping pong, and listen and dance to records.



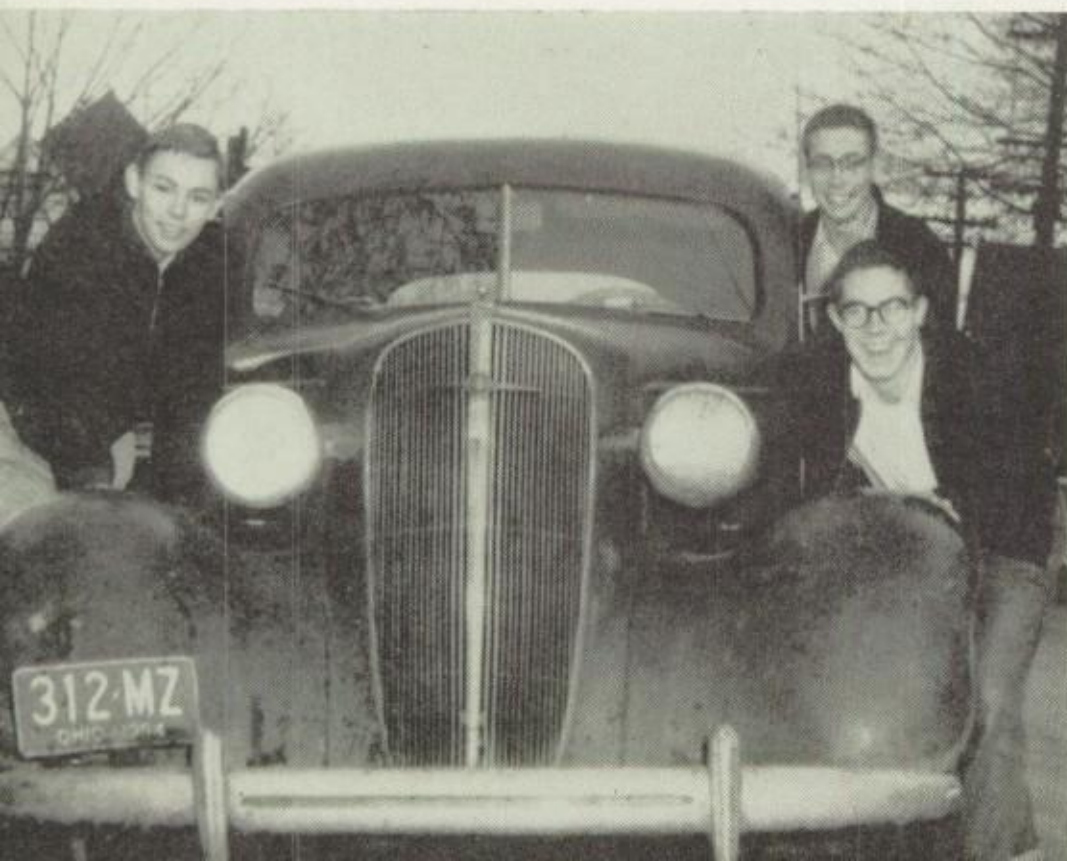
The magnetic attraction of the new Frisch's soon made it the teen-agers' top rated eating place in Middletown.

Right — Starry-eyed Sally O'Friel and dazzled Owen Lawson reigned on Prom Nite last May.



Below — These luckless fellows will need a magician if this hot-rod can ever be made to run.

The sparkling Christmas tree, decorated by the Y-Teens, is enjoyed by students and faculty.



MIDDIE MAGIC

B I L L I T Y



Ability is shown in the production of a weekly program on school days through the magical medium of radio.

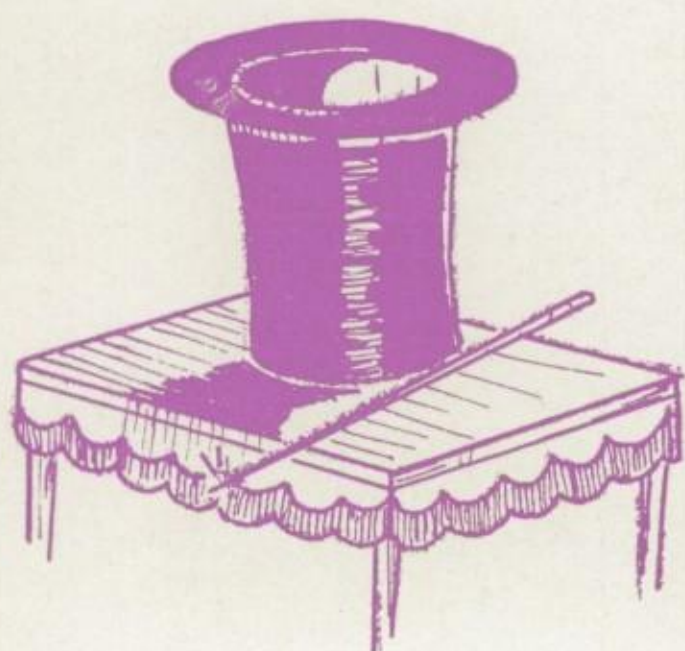
Through graduation we prepare to take our places as "top-hatters" in our complex world.





Above — Future homemakers learn to evolve stunning creations from the mystery of patterns in Home Ec classes.

Below — Shop boys delve into the problem of practical arts.



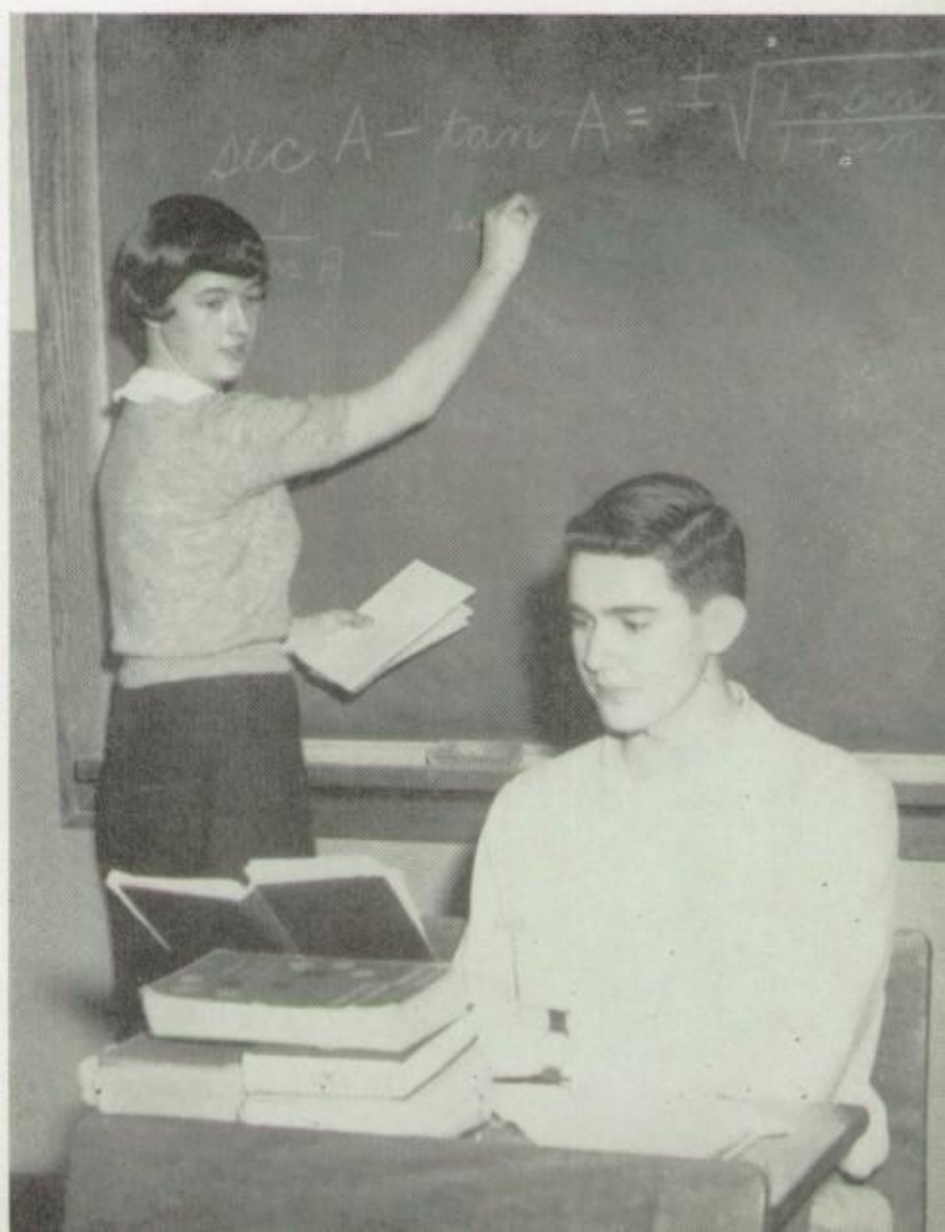
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It takes gumption and hard work,
not an Aladdin's Lamp, to be a
success in many fields.



Junior Achievers need no horoscope, for their
futures are assured, since they have already
learned how to sell stocks and make profits.





Above — These girls really pep up the band as they twirl their “magic wands.”

Below — Jack and Kenny are on their way to tearing each other apart as they practice to realize their dreams of being on TV some day.



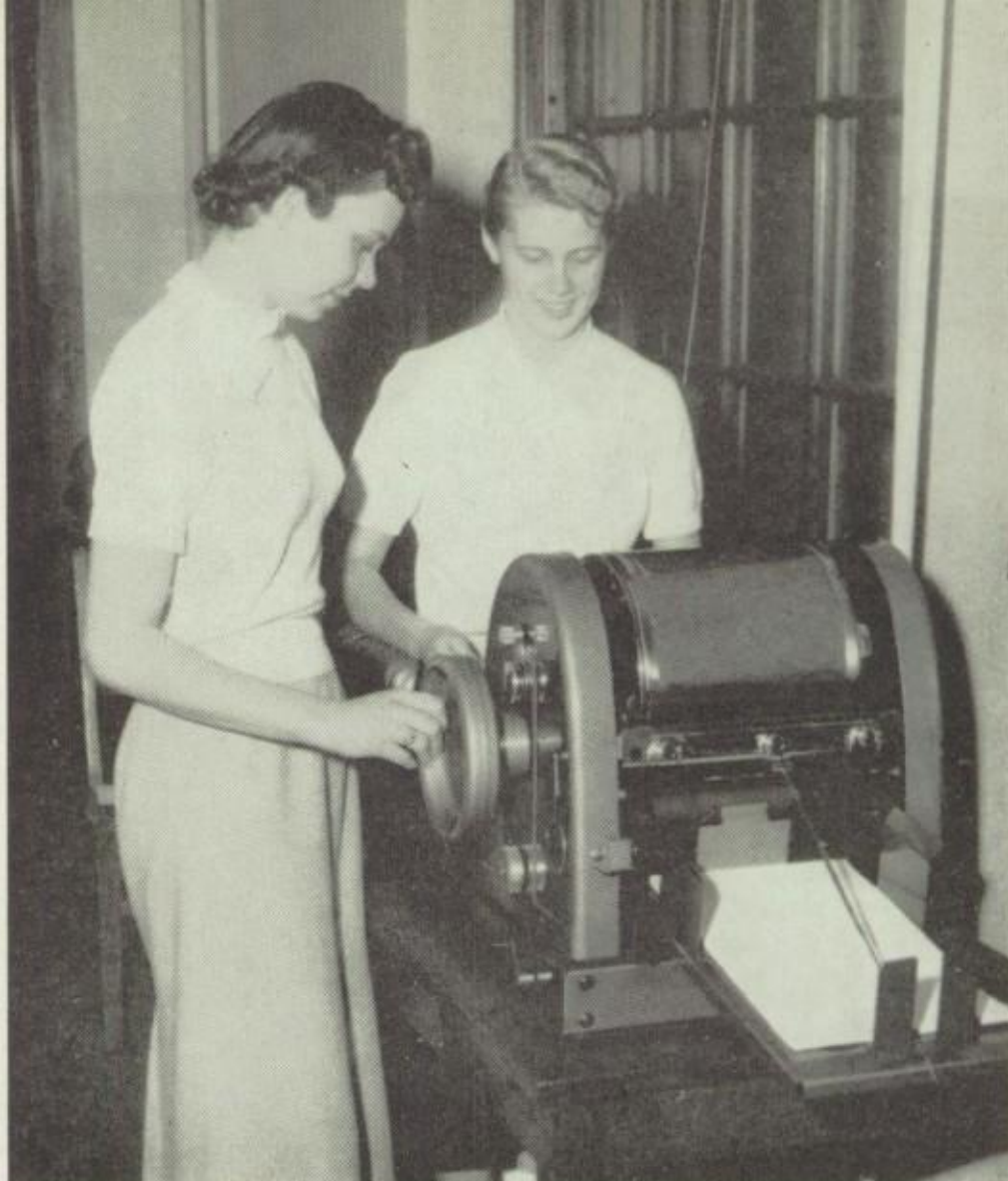
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People who learn in high school to make their own living are destined to succeed in future years.



Speed and accuracy, acquired in the office training course, are two requisites of the business girl of tomorrow.



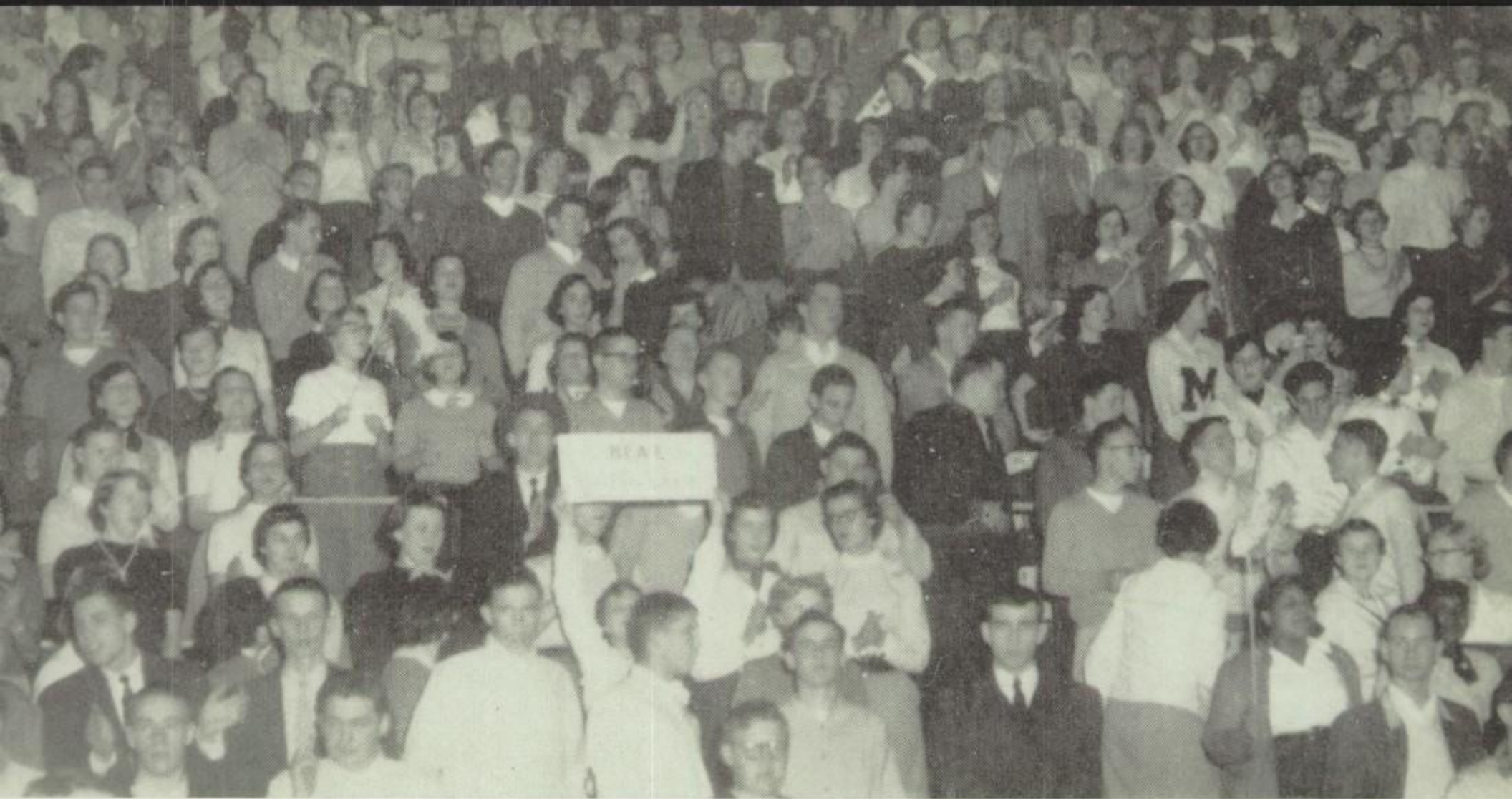
These girls can't "pull any rabbit out of the hat" to help you when you get sent to the office.



MIDDIE MAGIC O. O. P E R A T I O N

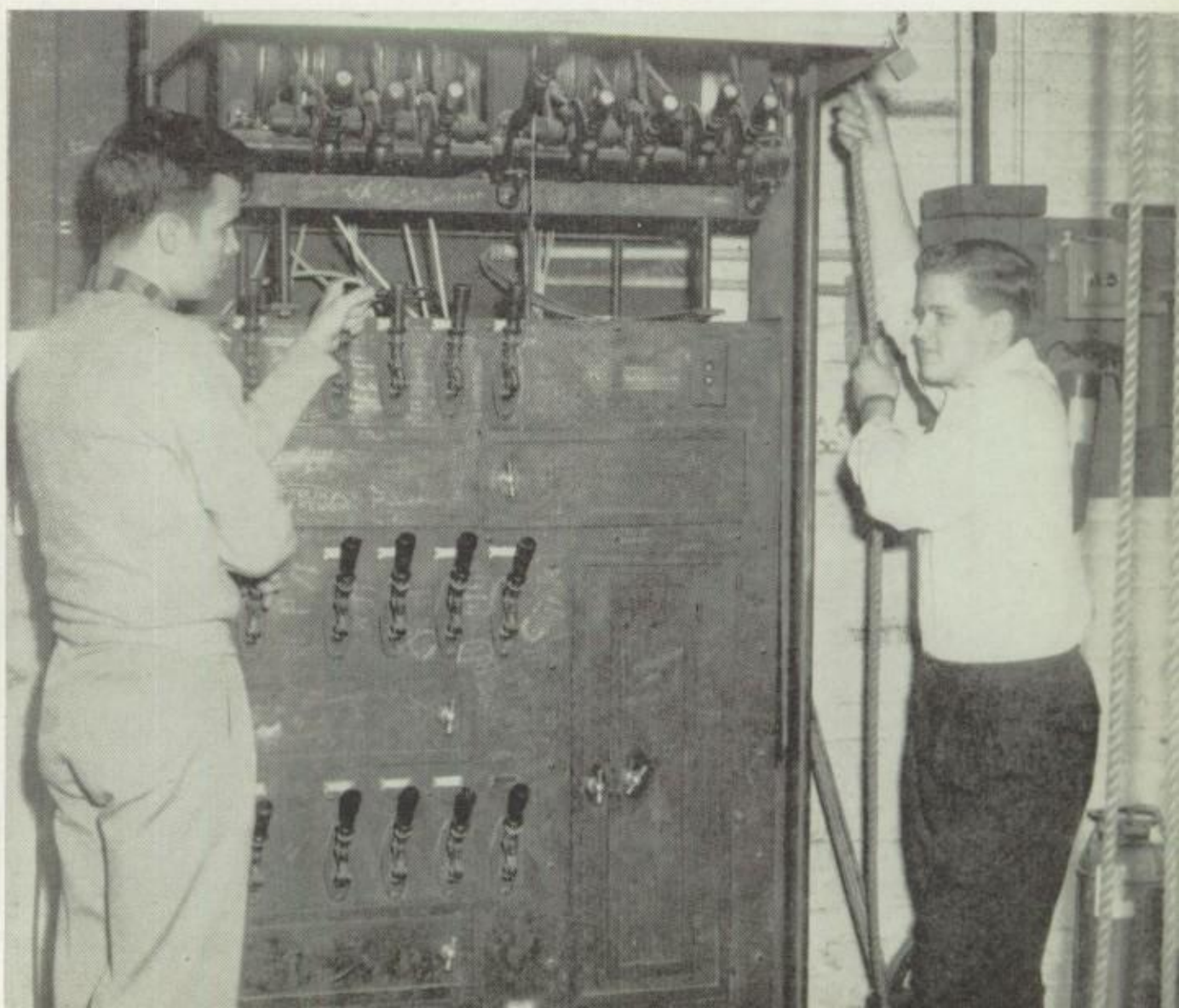


Young people plan together to bring spiritual programs on Monday mornings to students of all denominations as they worship together.



Above — Watch the Middie Magic! Enthusiastic students co-operate in boosting the Middies on to victory with their lusty cheers.

Below — "Stand by! Curtain's going up!" Back-stage staffs conjure up all kinds of tricks to make MHS productions successful.





Middie Magic



To a fellow class mate
and good friend. I hope
you have good luck in the
future. Luck Always
Rita Wilson
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Mansion



Middie Magic



Makes Mighty Minds

PERSONALITIES





Fabulous Faculty

"Keep It A Secret"
 "How Important Can It Be?"
 "Black Magic"
 "Buttons and Bows"
 "Tea For Two"
 "Typewriter Song"





First Row: Harry Hadley, vice-president; Joseph Woodruff, president; Charles Reuthe.

Second Row: Hugh Butler, clerk; Dr. Joseph E. Heck; John Blackford, superintendent; Jack D. Christy.

Board of Education

"The children now love luxury, they have bad manners and contempt for authority, they show disrespect for elders, and love chatter in place of exercise. Children are now tyrants, not the servants of their household. They no longer rise when elders enter the room. They contradict their parents, chatter before company and gobble up dainties at the table, cross their legs, and tyrannize over their teachers."

The above quotation was written by Socrates some 2,500 years ago. The habit of viewing with alarm the activities, interests and goals of young people by the older generation is one of the "constants" of history. Yet somehow, civilization has progressed—with each generation infusing some worthwhile improvements into the stream of culture.

The small percentage of "delinquents" have

more spectacular ways of getting into trouble, and with modern communication methods, their deviations receive wide publicity. All too little is said or written about the solid core of American youth, the 90 to 95 per cent who devote their talents and energy to the process of growing up sanely and constructively.

I submit that this is the most wholesome, the best educated, and the straightest thinking group of boys and girls I have known in forty years of either being a youth or teaching youth.

I predict that when the seniors of 1955 have become the "older generation," they, too, will point with pardonable pride to many great achievements and a better world—which they will hesitate to leave to a generation of irresponsible and decadent youth.

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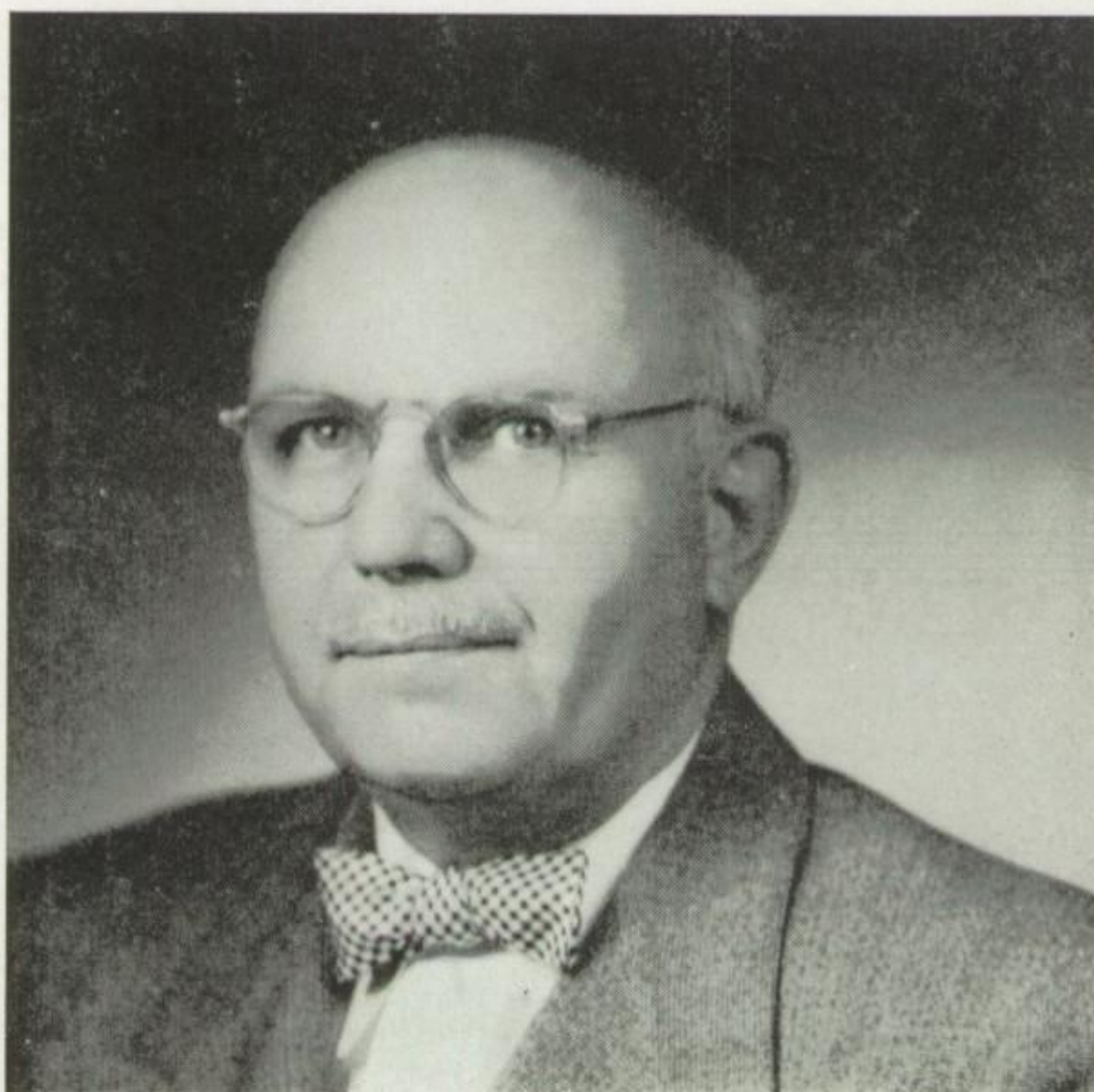
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*with heartwishes
J. R. Line*



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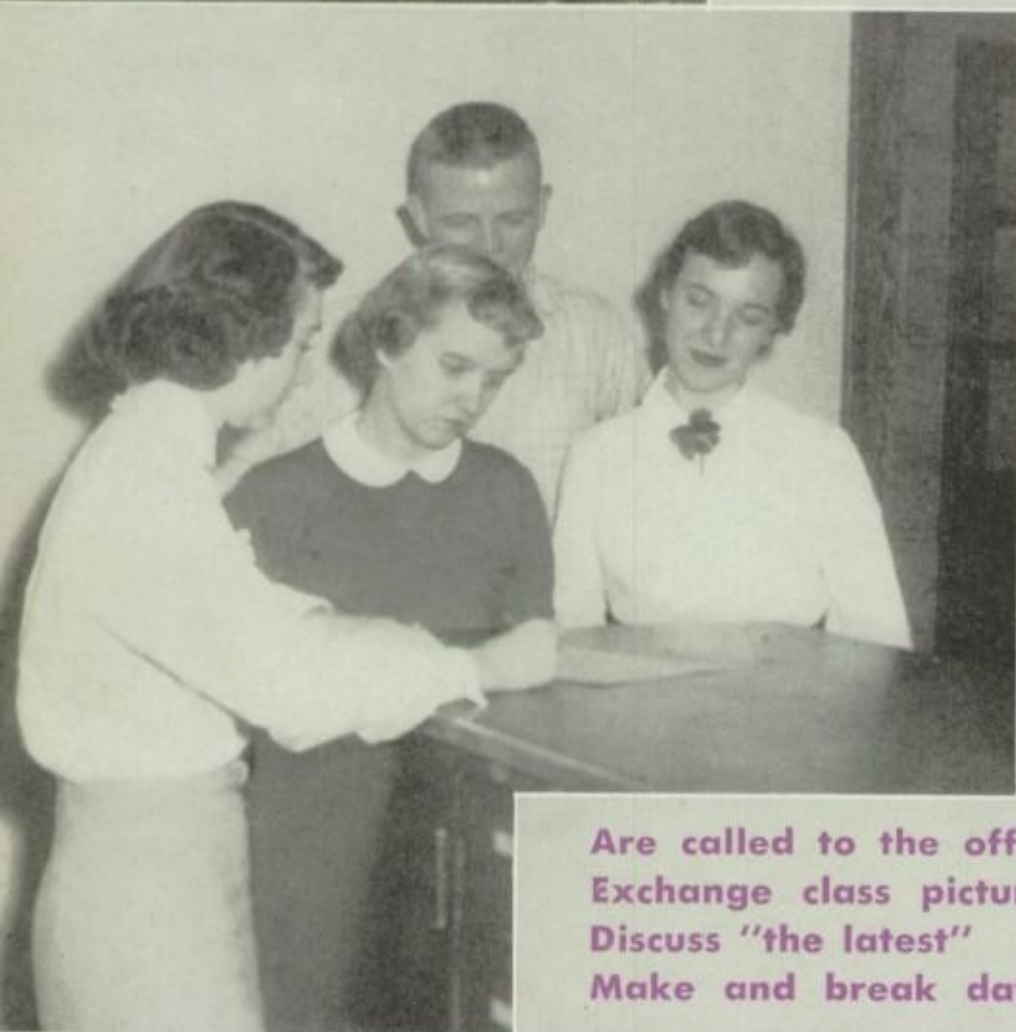
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Sophisticated Seniors
Visit the library
Use the telephone



Are called to the office
Exchange class pictures
Discuss "the latest"
Make and break dates



Senior Class Officers



As sophomores we were gathered up in M.H.S.'s arms,

JACK McLAUGHLIN, *President*

Band, Band Council, Boys' State, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, "I Love Lucy," Intramurals, Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Honor Society, National Thespians, Optimist, Orchestra, Prom Committee, Student Council, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Youth Forum.

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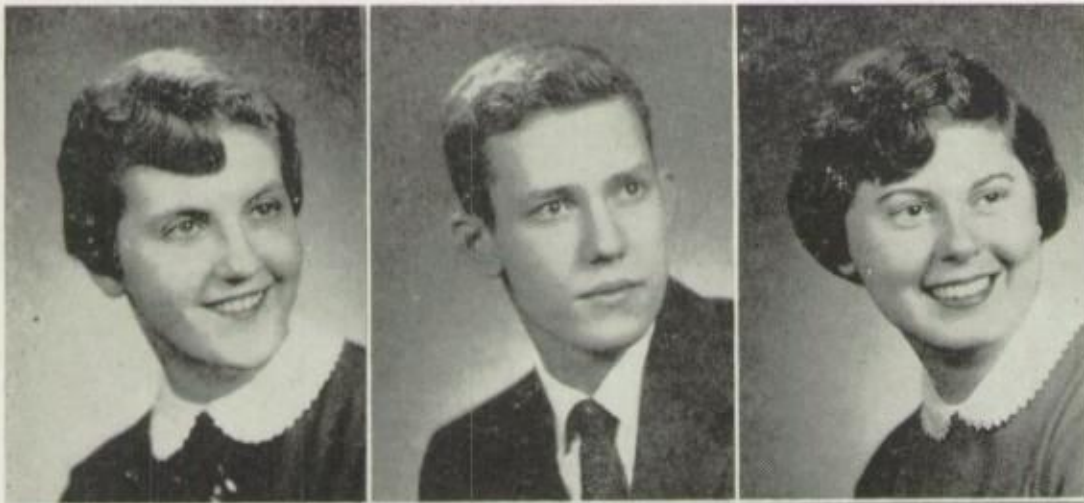
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Pep Club, Y-Teens.

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ALLAN ALEXANDER

D. E. C. A., Hi-Y, Intramurals, Pep Club.

WILLIAM RICHARD ALEXANDER

D. E. C. A., Hi-Y.

BETTIE JEAN ALLEN

G. A. A., Mixed Chorus.



KENNETH AMBURGEY

Intramurals.

BARBARA ARMITAGE

G. A. A., Junior Achievement, Middletonian.

ROBERT J. ASHLEY

Football, M Club, Mixed Chorus, Track.

Where first we met the mighty force



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LARRY LEE BAKER

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G. A. A., Glee Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

GROVER C. BANKS

Band, Glee Club, Hi-Y, Student Council.

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Intramurals.

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Football, Hi-Y, "I Love Lucy," Intramurals, Junior Homeroom Representative, M Club, Middie Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Thespians, Student Council, Track.

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Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

LLOYD BLACKMORE

Football.

CHARLES M. BLAZER

Broadcasting, Glee Club.

Of "Middie Magic's" charms.

JOANN LOUISE BLEVINS

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TERRY LEE BOWMAN

Hi-Y, Intramurals.

MARISUE BOYLE

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ANITA BRATE

G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club, Middiettes, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

PHILLIP EUGENE BREWER

Chemistry Club, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Mixed Chorus, Swimming Team.



Seniors



CONSTANCE ELIZABETH BROWN
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JUNIOR WAYNE BROWN
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DAREL RAY BULLOCK
Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

DARRELL K. BURDGE
"The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

With honors high the school was filled.



ELAINE BURGHER
Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, Middiettes, Pep Club, Y-Teens.

DAVID BURSK
Intramurals.

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DON BUSH

MARGARET ANN BUSH
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Glee Club.

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Junior Achievement.

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Sophomore Girls' League, "The Merry Widow,"
Youth Forum.

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room Representative, Junior Literary Club,
Middie Footlighters, "Mother Was A Fresh-
man," National Forensic League, National Hon-
or Society, National Thespians, Optimist, Or-
chestra, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Bar-
retts of Wimpole Street," Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cab-
inet.

POLLY JANE CARROLL

NORMA JEAN CARTER
Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus.

With championships our hearts were thrilled.

WILLIAM JAMES CASSIDY

TOM CHARLES

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Nightingale Club, Optimist, Pep Club, Sopho-
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"Mom as a Freshman" proved mighty smart.

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Seniors

WILLIAM H. DENIS
Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Intramurals, Youth Forum.

MARY LEE DENNY
Business Cadet Club.

JAMES THOMAS DIVER
Football, Intramurals, M Club, Track.



CARL EDWIN DOAN
D. E. C. A., Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus, Swimming Team.

DONALD ALLEN DOMINECK
Band, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Mixed Chorus, Track.

BILL DONAHUE
Intramurals, V. I. C.



ANN DOWNING
G. A. A., Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Mixed Chorus, "Mother Was A Freshman," Optimist, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

MARJORIE DOWNS
F. T. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Junior Classical League, Mixed Chorus, Sophomore Girls' League.

JAMES E. DUNN
Intramurals, Junior Achievement, V. I. C.



A packed house loved "Lucy" with all their hearts.

BARBARA ECTON
G. A. A., Junior Achievement, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

JEANNINE EISELE
Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, Middie Footlighters, Mixed Chorus, "Mother Was A Freshman," Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

TONY ELIEFF
Football, Hi-Y, M Club.



JIM ELLIS
Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Track.

PATRICIA ELLIS
Junior Achievement, Middletonian.

MARLENE ELSNER
Chemistry Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, M Club, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Pep Club, Senior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.



Seniors



BETTY EWING

G. A. A., Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

HAROLD G. FARIES

Band, Hi-Y, Mixed Chorus.

FREDDIE FARQUER



BETTY FARTHING

D. E. C. A.

HAROLD FEEZOR

CAROLE ELAINE FERGUSON

G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Junior Classical League, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Pep Club, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.



RONNIE FERGUSON

Intramurals, Track.

MARGARET FIESSINGER

G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Senior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

BETTY LOU FISHER

Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

At Thanksgiving time everybody chipped in



JOYCE FORKNER

Chemistry Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens.

BILL FORSTER

Chemistry Club, Intramurals, Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Optimist.

NORMA JEAN FOX

G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Middletonian, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.



JANICE FOXBOWER

Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club.

JAMES VICTOR FRALEY

Band, Debate, Intramurals, Middletonian.

ARLENE FREY

F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Pep Club, Press Club, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

Seniors

MARGARET GASKINS

Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

CHARLES GEHRON

Intramurals.

SUSAN GEORGE

Debate, F. T. A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, National Forensic League, National Thespians, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens.

THOMAS A. GEORGE

Basketball, D. E. C. A., A. Club.

CAROLYN GIBBONS

Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, "The Merry Widow."

PATRICIA GINTER

Business Cadet Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

KAREN GOOD

Glee Club, Middie Footlighters, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Press Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

MARY SUE GOODWIN

G. A. A., G. A. A. Board, Glee Club, Middiettes, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

BARBARA GRAFF

G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

To make us proud parents of shy, little Kim.

AMANDA LEE GRANT

G. A. A., Junior Achievement, Nightingale Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

ELIZABETH JANE GRAY

Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Press Club.

MARILYN JOAN GRAY

G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

EDDIE RAY GREEN

Football, Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

DONNA JOANNE GREENFIELD

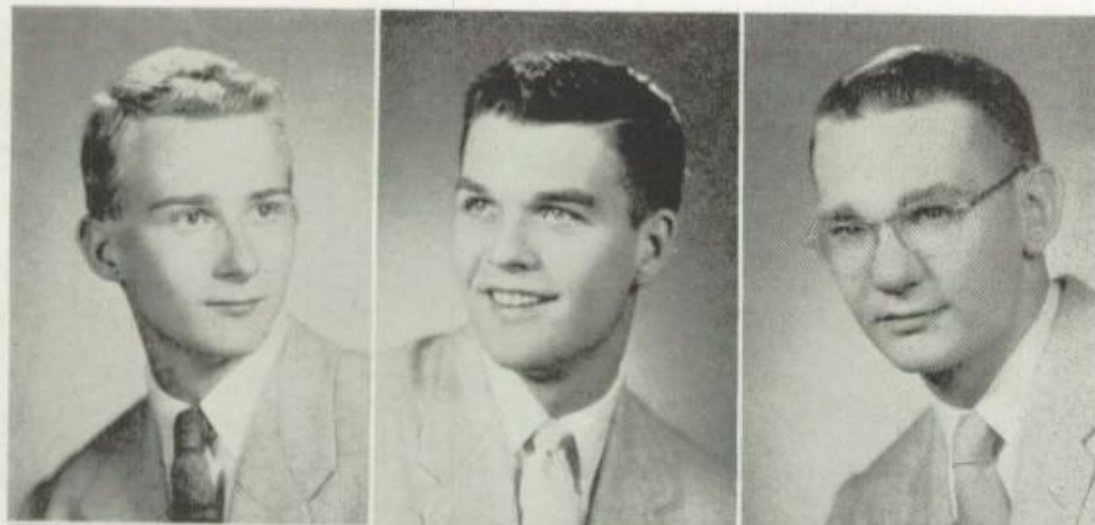
G. A. A., Junior Achievement, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

RICHARD GRIFFIS

D. E. C. A., Intramurals.



Seniors



ROBERT N. GRISWOLD
Middletonian, Press Club, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

GARY LEE GUSTIN
Intramurals.

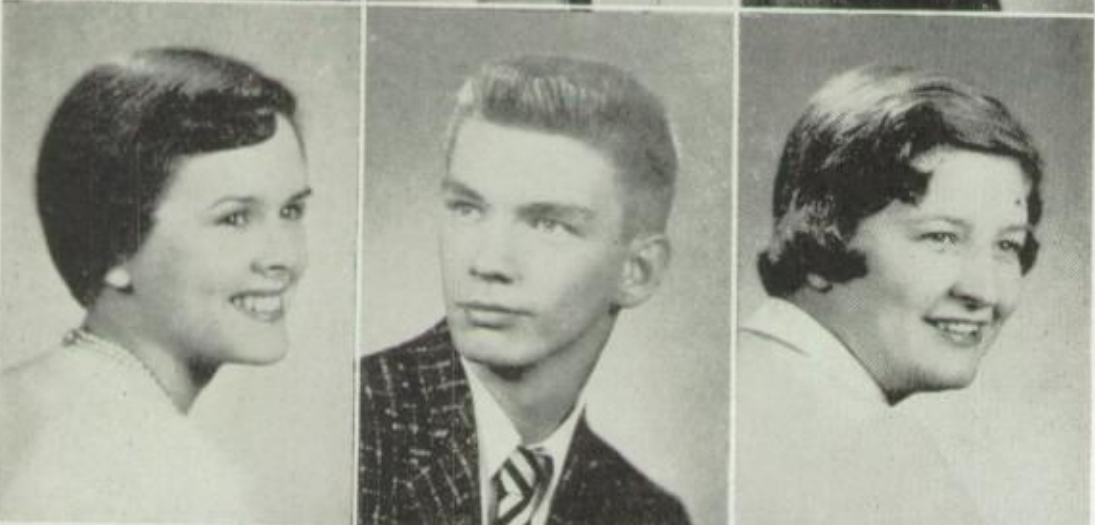
JOE HACKETT



BRUCE HALL
D. E. C. A., Intramurals.

FRANKLIN DELANO HALL
Boys' State, Chemistry Club, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Pep Club, Youth Forum.

PHYLLIS JEAN HALL
D. E. C. A.



RITA ANNE HALSEY
F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Classical League, Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Pep Club, Senior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

KENNETH RONALD HAMMOND
D. E. C. A.

VIVIAN ANN HAMPTON
Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Junior Literary Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

Our very first Prom was greeted with glee;



RICHARD HANCOCK
Chess Club, Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club.

BARBARA ANN HANNAH
G. A. A., Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, "Mother Was A Freshman," Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

SHERRINE HARGETT
D. E. C. A.



JOANN HARKRADER
G. A. A., Junior Literary Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

ANNIE RUTH HARRIS
G. A. A., Junior Achievement, Y-Teens.

AL HART

Seniors

CAROLE JEAN HART

F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Middiettes, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

IVADELLE HART

Band, Business Cadet Club.

HOWARD HASKINS

Football, Intramurals.

MARILYN KAY HASKINS

D. E. C. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

JOYCE ANN HATTON

Glee Club, Mixed Chorus.

PHILLIP HEFFNER

Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Intramurals, Swimming Team.

KENNETH HARVEY HELFMAN

Broadcasting, Chess Club, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Mixed Chorus, Student Council, Tennis.

CAROL ANN HELTON

Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

STANLEY HELTON

Intramurals, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

And everyone froze at a grand Jubilee.

THOMAS JOSEPH HESTER

Intramurals, Mixed Chorus, Track.

DAVE HIGHAM

Glee Club, Hi-Y, Middie Footlighters, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Thespians, Optimist, Pep Club, Junior Homeroom Representative, Student Council, "Sweethearts."

DAVID HOLBROOK

Golf, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Pep Club.

MARJORIE L. HON

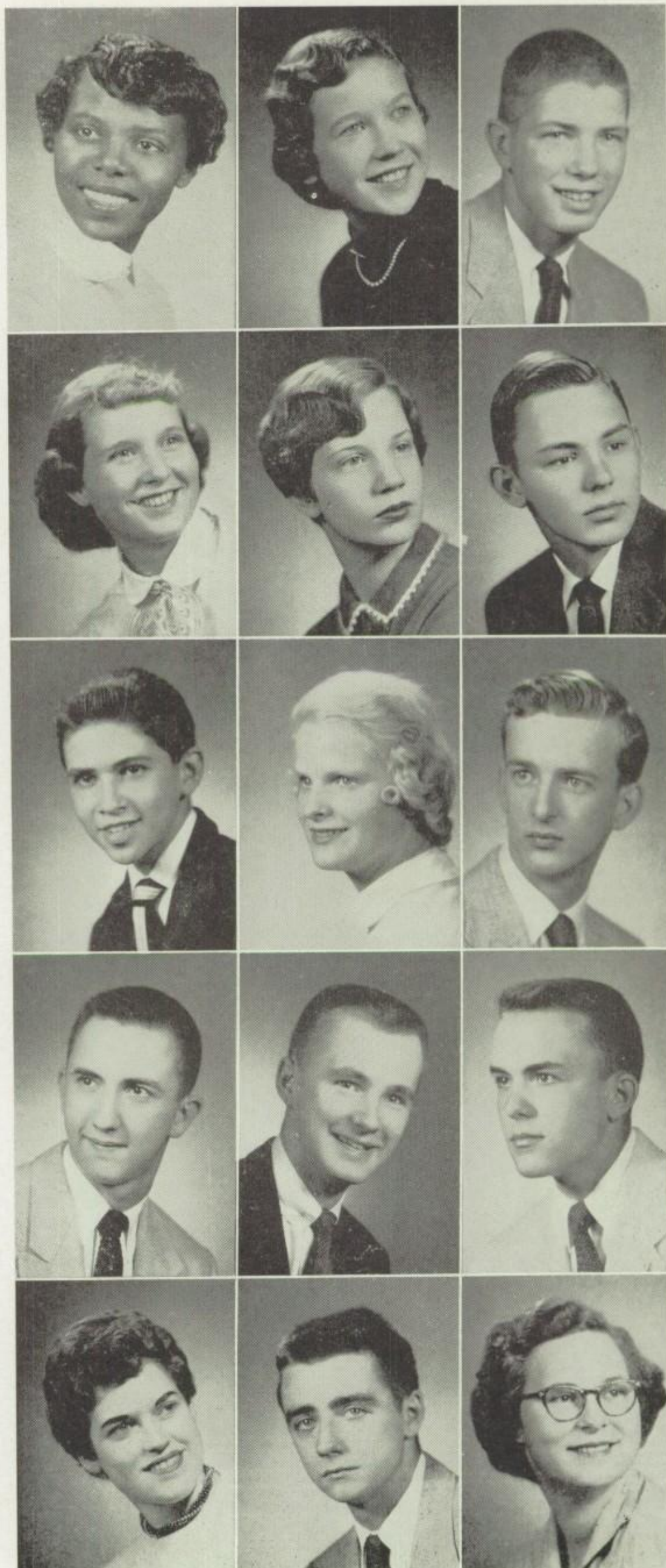
Business Cadet Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

THOMAS HOPKINS

Chess Club, Intramurals, Middletonian, National Honor Society, Press Club, Quill and Scroll.

CAROLYN HORTON

Business Cadet Club.



Seniors



JAMES L. HORTON
Football, Intramurals.

CYNTHIA HOWALD
F. T. A., Junior Achievement, Middletonian, National Thespians, Nightingale Club, Orchestra, Pep Club, Press Club, Prom Committee, Senior Homeroom Representative, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens.

HAZEL HOWARD
Junior Achievement.



PAUL HOWARD
Basketball.

WANDA HUME
Business Cadet Club, Chess Club, Junior Achievement.

GERALD F. HUMMEL
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Science Club, Tumbling Team.



PAUL HUNT
Junior Achievement.

JOYCE ANN INGRAM
Chemistry Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens.

DON ISBEL, JR.
Band.

Cheers went up on Homecoming Day



LILLIAN JACOBS
Junior Achievement, Middletonian, Nightingale Club, Y-Teens.

JANICE JAMES
Band, G. A. A., G. A. A. Board, Middie Footlighters, Middiettes, "Mother Was A Freshman," Optimist, Orchestra, Sophomore Girls' League, Tennis, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

JOANN JOHNICA
Chess Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club, Pep Club, "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens.



CHRISTINE JOHNSON
Nightingale Club.

JAMES EDDIE JOHNSON
Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Homeroom Representative, Mixed Chorus, Track.

HOWARD L. JOHNSON, JR.
Football, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus.

Seniors

JANICE LEE JOHNSON

Band, Chemistry Club, G. A. A., Junior Literary Club, Nightingale Club, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

JOE JOHNSON

Basketball, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Optimist, Track.

MARIETTA JOHNSON

G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus.

NETTIE JOHNSON

Junior Achievement.

SHIRLEY JOHNSON

Band, G. A. A., Junior Achievement.

CAROLYN JONES

Cheerleader, G. A. A., G. A. A. Board, Junior Achievement, Junior Classical League, M Club, Middiettes, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

FRANK A. JONES

Chemistry Club, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Classical League, M Club, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Swimming Team.

ROBERT L. JONES

"I Love Lucy," Intramurals, Junior Homeroom Representative, Mixed Chorus, National Thespians, Optimist, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

RUBY JOSLIN

Cheerleader, G. A. A., Glee Club, M Club, Middiettes, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

As we crowned Queen Nancy, chilly but gay.

NANCY KEEZER

F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," Optimist, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

DON KEFFER

Boys' State, Chemistry Club, Golf, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, "I Love Lucy," Intramurals, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Middletonian, National Forensic League, National Thespians, Optimist, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Student Council, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Youth Forum.

RICHARD R. KELLER

SHIRLEY ANN KELLEY

Business Cadet Club.

TOM KEMP

Boys' State, Hi-Y, Intramurals, National Forensic League, National Honor Society, Optimist, Student Council, Youth Forum.

LULA KEMPLIN

G. A. A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club.



Seniors

CHARLOTTE VIRGINIA KERN

G. A. A., Glee Club, "I Love Lucy," Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Mixed Chorus, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Thespians, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

RICHARD H. KING

Chemistry Club, Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Middie Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," Optimist, Pep Club, Student Council, Swimming Team, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Track, Tumbling Team.

DICK KNAPP

REBECCA KOEPEL

Band, Band Council, Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Junior Literary Club, Optimist, Orchestra, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

BENNY KRAMER

Mixed Chorus.

CHARLOTTE KRAMER

G. A. A., "I Love Lucy," National Forensic League, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

JACK KREBS

Chemistry Club, Golf, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, M Club.

PETER M. KREITZER

Football, Track.

BOB KRUSE

D. E. C. A., Intramurals.

"The Barretts of Wimpole Street" came to stay,

EUGENIA ELIZABETH KUNZE

Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Middie Footlighters, National Thespians, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Y-Teens.

MARIANNA LACY

F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, "I Love Lucy," Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Thespians, Nightingale Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

DEANNA LAMBERT

Band, "I Love Lucy," Junior Classical League, Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Honor Society, National Thespians, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Orchestra, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

CHRISTINE LANKFORD

G. A. A.

PAUL K. LANSAW

Baseball, Intramurals, M Club.

PAT LAWRENCE

F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, "I Love Lucy," Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Middletonian, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Honor Society, Optimist, Pep Club, Press Club, Prom Committee, Quill and Scroll, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

Seniors

JUNE LORRAINE LAWSON

Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Middiettes, Nightingale Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

WINFORD PAUL LAWSON

Band, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Orchestra.

JANET ANN LEWIS

G. A. A., G. A. A. Board, Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

SONJA L. LINDBERG

Y-Teens.

MARY I. LINDSAY

Junior Achievement, Nightingale Club, Pep Club, Y-Teens.

MELVIN J. LIPTON

Chess Club, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Intramurals, Junior Classical League, Middie Footlighters, Middletonian, Optimist, Press Club, Quill and Scroll, Tennis, Youth Forum.

EDWARD LOCKHART

Basketball, Intramurals.

ROBERT LONG

Baseball, D. E. C. A., Intramurals, V. I. C.

WILLIAM LONG

Chemistry Club, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Junior Literary Club, Middletonian, Swimming Team.

And hooped skirts and pantalettes had their day.

YVONNE LYKINS

F. T. A., G. A. A., Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Middletonian, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Honor Society, National Thespians, Optimist, Pep Club, Press Club, Prom Committee, Quill and Scroll, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

PEGGY MANN

Band, Band Council, Broadcasting, "I Love Lucy," Junior Classical League, Junior Home-room Representative, Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Forensic League, National Honor Society, National Thespians, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Council, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet, Youth Forum.

RUTH MARIE MARTIN

G. A. A., Junior Achievement, Pep Club, Y-Teens.

ROGER MATTINGLY

Baseball, Intramurals, Track.

BEATRICE G. MAYS

Band, Business Cadet Club, Junior Achievement, Orchestra.

MIKE McCLURE

D. E. C. A., Football, Hi-Y, "I Love Lucy," Intramurals, Junior Achievement, National Forensic League, Prom Committee, Track.



Seniors



KAY MARLENE McCOMB
G. A. A., Pep Club, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.



LOIS CLARE McCONAUGHEY
G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Junior Classical League, Middie Footlighters, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.



DALE LEWIS McCORMICK
Intramurals.



BARBARA A. McFILLLEN
Business Cadet Club, Junior Achievement.



PHYLLIS JEAN McKENZIE
Band, Junior Achievement.



JOHN VANCE McKINNEY
Senior Homeroom Representative.



HELEN MILLER
Junior Achievement.



HENRY E. MITCHELL
Basketball, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement.



FREDERICK F. MOORE
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus.

Shouts and laughter filled the air,



LINDA MOORE
G. A. A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.



SYLVESTER MOORE
Basketball, Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Mixed Chorus, Track.



JAMES JOSEPH MOORHEAD
Boys' State, Football Manager, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Literary Club, Optimist, Track Manager.



JOSIAH MORGAN
Baseball, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus.



JOAN MORRIS
Band, F. T. A., Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Orchestra, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet, Youth Forum.



LEONARD MORRIS
Intramurals.

Seniors

DAVID MOYER
D. E. C. A.

DON MURPHY
Junior Classical League, Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, National Forensic League, Optimist, Pep Club, Student Council.

PATTI MURPHY
G. A. A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club.

TOM MURPHY
D. E. C. A., Football, Intramurals, Track.

ALLEN MYERS
Intramurals, V. I. C.

JOHN MYHAND
Hi-Y, Intramurals.

DICK NETHERLY
Baseball, Intramurals, Track.

NANCY NEVILLE
Band, D. E. C. A., Junior Achievement.

FRANCES NOCERO
Business Cadet Club, G. A. A.

With skaters falling everywhere.

CHARLES OAKLEY
Intramurals.

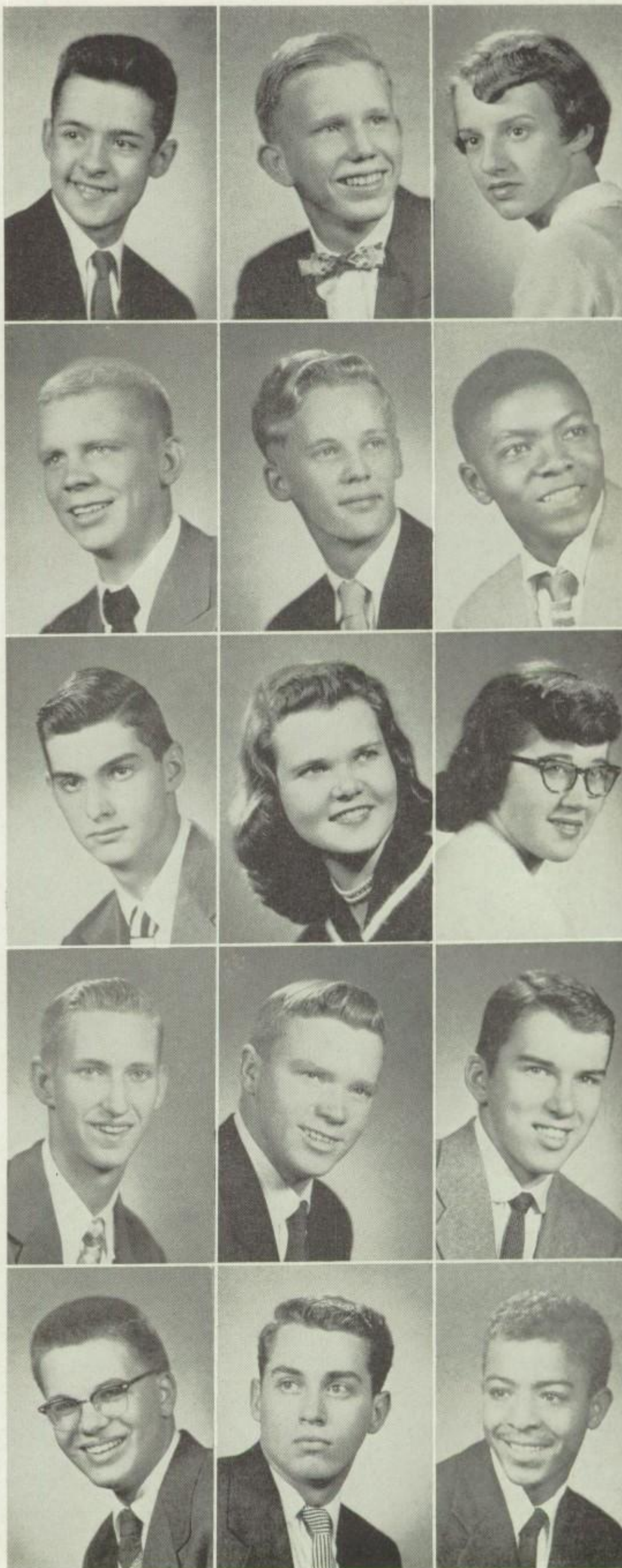
EDMOND D. PALMER
Basketball Manager, Football, Intramurals, Track.

WALLA PAT PALMER
Chemistry Club, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Intramurals, M Club, Optimist, Student Council, Swimming Team.

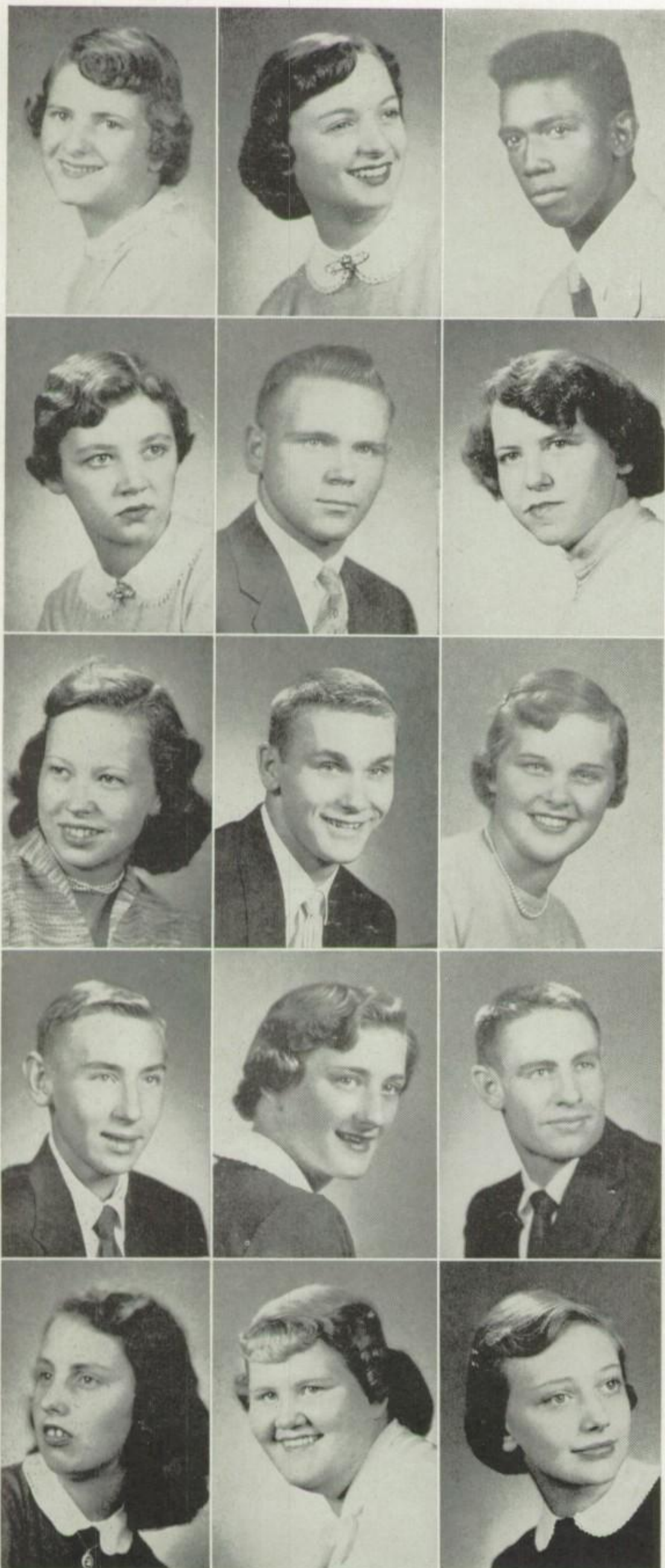
DAVID L. PARKER
Band, D. E. C. A.

RONALD D. PARKS
Mixed Chorus.

JOE PATE
Baseball, Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals.



Seniors



DONNA M. PEARCE

G. A. A., Glee Club, Middiettes, Optimist, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

NANCY JANE PENCE

Band, Junior Literary Club, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

PAUL PERKINS

Band, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Orchestra, Track.

SHARON KAY PETRY

G. A. A., G. A. A. Board, Junior Homeroom Representative, Middiettes, Pep Club, Tennis, Y-Teens.

GILBERT L. PLANCK

Baseball, Basketball, D. E. C. A., Football Manager, Intramurals, Track.

BARBARA J. POST

Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus.

LULA CHRISTENE PROFFITT

G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club.

BOB PUMMILL

Football, Hi-Y, Hi-Y Council, Track.

NANCY PURVIS

F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, "I Love Lucy," Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Merry Widow," Triple Trio, Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

After much trembling and fear of a slip,

JIM RALSTON

Band, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Classical League, Orchestra, Youth Forum.

MARTHA ANN RAMSDELL

Band, G. A. A., Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Nightingale Club, Orchestra, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

DENZIL RAY RATLIFF

Basketball, Football, Junior Homeroom Representative, Mixed Chorus, Student Council, Track.

NEOMA RATLIFF

G. A. A., Junior Literary Club, Middiettes, Pep Club.

BARBARA JEAN RAWLINS

Glee Club.

PAULINA KAREN REINARTZ

F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Press Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

Seniors

DOROTHY RUTH REYNOLDS

SCOTT A. RICKETTS

Band, D. E. C. A.

ROSEMARY RILEY

G. A. A., Junior Achievement, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

THOMAS D. RISTANEO

Intramurals.

JACK W. RIVERS

Band, Chess Club, Junior Classical League, National Thespians, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

LEROY ROBERTS, JR.

Hi-Y, Intramurals.

RICHARD PRYSE ROBINSON

V. I. C.

CHARLES FREDERICK ROBINSON

Football, Intramurals, V. I. C.

JEARLENE ROGERS

Chemistry Club, G. A. A., G. A. A. Board, Junior Literary Club, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Pep Club, Science Club, Youth Forum.

Hooray—we were granted our Washington trip!

REBECCA JANE ROOF

Girls' State, Glee Club, "I Love Lucy," Middle Footlighters, Mixed Chorus, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Honor Society, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Triple Trio, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.

CHARLINE JEAN ROOT

Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Nightingale Club, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

CARMEN DEE RUBLE

Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Junior Achievement, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League.

DOUGLAS VALINTINO RUSSELL

Band, Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, M Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Track.

ED SABO

Track.

DEANNA JEAN SALOME

G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Pep Club, Prom Committee, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens.



Seniors



RANDI SCHMACKER

G. A. A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

JILL LOUISE SCHROTE

F. T. A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club, Middle Footlighters, Middletonian, Mixed Chorus, "Mother Was A Freshman," Optimist, Pep Club, Press Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

LEWIS M. SEIDNER

Boys' State, Hi-Y, M Club, Optimist, Senior Homeroom Representative, Student Council, Swimming Team, Youth Forum.

PAUL M. SHAFER, JR.

CLYDE SHAFFER, JR.

Hi-Y, Youth Forum.

SHERRIN LEE SHANE

F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens.

SONJA SHEA

Junior Achievement.

BERT A. SHEARD

Band, Band Council, Boys' State, Broadcasting, Chemistry Club, Hi-Y, "I Love Lucy," Intramurals, Junior Literary Club, Middle Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Forensic League, National Thespians, Optimist, Orchestra, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Youth Forum.

DALE H. SHOCKEY

Band, Band Council, Boys' State, Hi-Y, "I Love Lucy," Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Middle Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," Optimist, Student Council, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Youth Forum.

At graduation no eye was dry.

ROGER SHULTZ

Intramurals.

KAREN SIEGFRIED

F. T. A., G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Homeroom Representative, "I Love Lucy," Optimist, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Tennis, Y-Teens.

JACK SHELDON SIZER

Boys' State, Chemistry Club, Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Class President, Junior Classical League, Senior Homeroom Representative, Student Council, Track.

SHIRLEY BLANCHE SLAMKA

Junior Achievement.

LESLIE GENE SLYE

Band, Band Council, F. T. A., G. A. A., Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Optimist, Orchestra, Sophomore Girls' League, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Y-Teens, Youth Forum.

DAVID E. SMITH

Chemistry Club, Golf, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Achievement, Junior Literary Club, Middletonian, Optimist, Press Club, Prom Committee, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Youth Forum.

Seniors

DONALD LEO SMITH

Baseball, Basketball, Intramurals, Junior Achievement.

PHYLLIS JEAN SMITH

Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Mixed Chorus.

SHARON SMITH

Band, G. A. A., Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, "The Merry Widow," Y-Teens.

GEORGE LEE SORRELL, JR.

Football, Intramurals, Track.

JOHN DAVID SORRELL

Football, Intramurals, Track.

PATRICIA ANN SORRELL

G. A. A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club.

CAROL SOUERS

Business Cadet Club, Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Y-Teens.

PEARLIE LILLIE SPENCER

Glee Club, Nightingale Club.

ROBERT SPONSEL

Our only limit now's the sky.

KATHERINE ANN SPRINGER

G. A. A., Junior Classical League, Junior Literary Club, Nightingale Club, Optimist, Orchestra, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Youth Forum.

JUDY STALLS

F. T. A., "I Love Lucy," Junior Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Thespians, Optimist, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet, Youth Forum.

NELSON C. STEINMETZ

Chemistry Club, Chess Club, Hi-Y, Swimming Team.

BARBARA STICKLEN

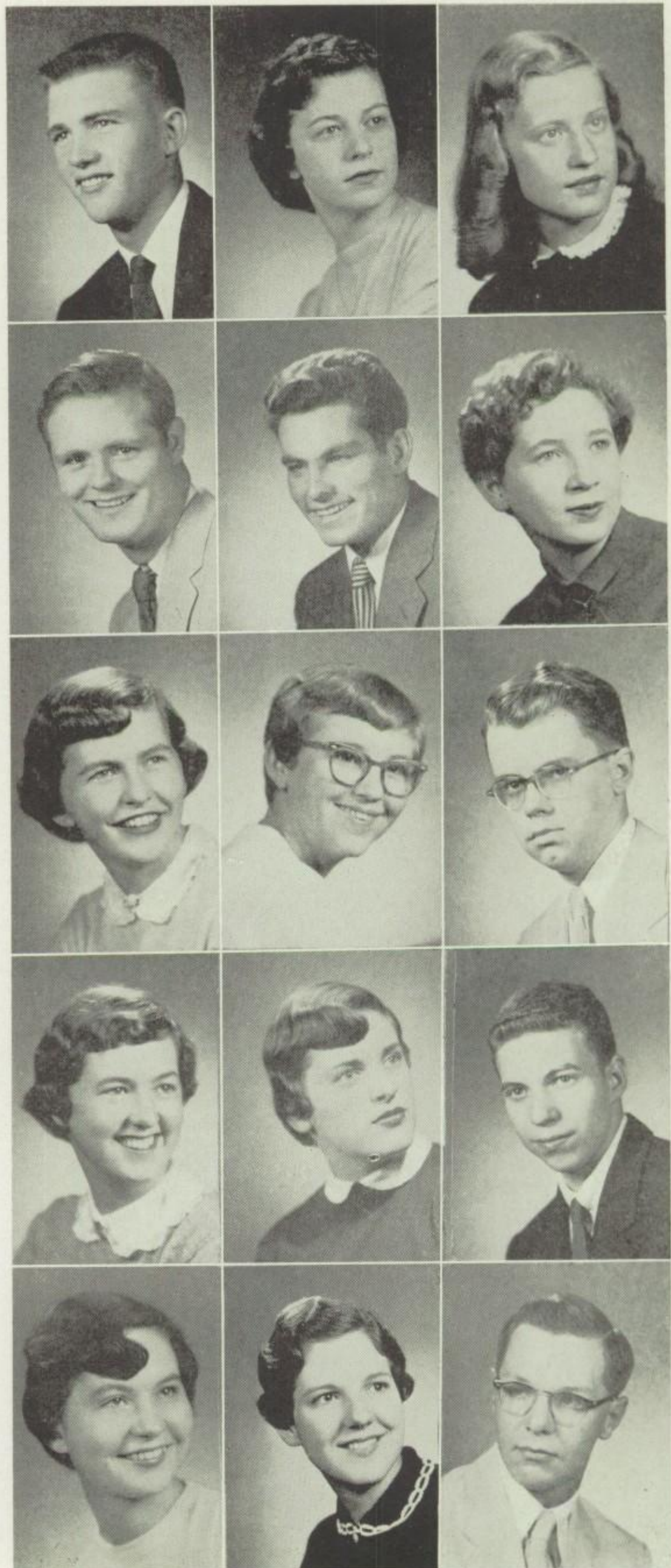
Junior Achievement.

CORA SUE STOKLEY

Business Cadet Club, F. T. A., Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Science Club.

DAVID DANIEL STOUTENBOROUGH

Intramurals, Prom Committee.



Seniors



KENNETH SIDNEY STURGILL



FRED LEE SULLIVAN
Baseball.



NANCY SWIGART
Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Glee Club,
Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Y-Teens.



GLORIA TATRO
Business Cadet Club, Pep Club, Y-Teens.



NORMA JEAN THOMAS
G. A. A., G. A. A. Board, Junior Literary Club,
Middiettes, Pep Club.



TED THOMPSON
Intramurals, Junior Homeroom Representative,
Mixed Chorus, "Sweethearts."



WILLIAM C. THOMPSON
Baseball, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Mixed Chorus.



LOIS M. TIMMER
G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Homeroom Rep-
resentative, Mixed Chorus, Optimist, Pep Club,
Student Council, Y-Teens.



HELEN TODD
Business Cadet Club.

As "Top-Hats" all, how we do grieve



CAROL ANN TRIMBLE
G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Literary Club,
Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls'
League, Y-Teens.



HENRY TRUSHEL



MARGARET ANN TURNER
G. A. A., Middiettes, Y-Teens, Y-Teen Cabinet.



THELMA JEAN TUTT
Glee Club, Mixed Chorus, Nightingale Club,
"The Merry Widow."



DONALD VAN DYNE
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Swimming Team.



SHELBY VELTE
Debate, G. A. A., Girls' State, Glee Club, "I
Love Lucy," Junior Classical League, Junior
Literary Club, Middie Footlighters, Middleto-
nian, "Mother Was A Freshman," National Fo-
rensic League, National Honor Society, National
Thespians, Optimist, Pep Club, Press Club,
Quill and Scroll, Senior Homeroom Represen-
tative, Sophomore Girls' League, Student Coun-
cil, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," Y-Teens,
Youth Forum.

Seniors

CHARLES VINSON
Baseball, Hi-Y, Intramurals.

FRANCES WAITS

CHARLIE WATKINS
Basketball, Intramurals.

RONNIE WELLS

CARL FRANK WHITE

PAUL WILLIS
Baseball, Football, Intramurals, Optimist, Track.

DALE E. WILLS
Football, Hi-Y, Intramurals, Track.

MARGARET ANN WILLS

MARY CHARLOTTE WILSON
Band, Business Cadet Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club.

From M. H. S. to take our leave.

WANDA MARIE WOLFE
Business Cadet Club, Pep Club.

BOB WOMACK
Football, Intramurals, Junior Homeroom Representative, Track.

SUSAN JANE WOODREY
Business Cadet Club, G. A. A., Glee Club, Pep Club, Y-Teens.

ORVILLE WRIGHT
Hi-Y, Intramurals, Junior Homeroom Representative, Mixed Chorus, Student Council, Swimming Team.

NANCIE LEE YARBER
G. A. A., Glee Club, Junior Achievement, Junior Homeroom Representative, Junior Literary Club, Mixed Chorus, Pep Club, Sophomore Girls' League, Y-Teens.

CATHERINE MARIE YODER
Business Cadet Club, Junior Achievement, Middletonian, Press Club, Y-Teens.

Last Will And Testament

KNOW YE THAT:

We, the Class of 1955, being of reasonably sound mind and body, and having completed all the necessary accomplishments for reaching our high position, do will and bequeath the following:

TO THE SCHOOL:

Our beat-up textbooks, the freshly-painted walls, and the echoes of our laughter.

TO THE FACULTY:

Our homework papers, the memory of our wise remarks, and our eternal thanks for your all-too-often-doubted friendship and help.

TO THE JUNIORS:

The boundless time and energy required to earn the magic wand of a senior and all the expenses of graduation.

TO THE SOPHOMORES:

The stardust in our eyes, the knowledge that you need no longer be trampled on, and the assurance that all the struggle is certainly worth it.

Hereby, we will and bequeath the following personal possessions:

We, the combined Optimist editors, will our share of "Middie Magic" to next year's teams, and our long hours, broken red pencils, dirty rulers, and mutilated pictures to future ambitious editors.

I, Rita Halsey, will my job as "taxi-driver" and my purple and white streamers to Jay Wright.

We, Dick King and David Higham, will our Dragnet Series to all of Jack Webb's fans.

I, Susan Bell, will my red hair to my namesake, Susan Bell.

We, Gary Gustin and Carolyn Gibbons, will our cafeteria romance to Tim Draut and Sara Strodtbeck.

I, Dave Smith, leave my "service with a smile" and under-my-breath comments to Steve Zeller.

We, the band double trio, Peggy Mann, Leslie Slye, Joan Morris, Janet Carr, Martha Ramsdell, and Deanna Lambert, leave our dreams of fame and fortune plus harmony to the members of the Ukelele Union.

I, Jo-Ed Bechtel, leave my "ape man" walk to Lonnie "Ginger" Bladel.

I, Ruth Marie Martin, will my enormous earrings to Daisie Pollard.

We, Joyce Forkner and Sherry Shane, leave our Spanish costumes and castinets to Judy Tieman and Caroline Warren.

I, John Buehl, leave my parts in the operettas to Phillip Gregory.

I, Bert Sheard, leave my famous and beautiful "ultra-conservative" shirts to anyone with an eye for color and design — (and a good pair of sunglasses.)

We, Janice James and Christine Bugitzedes, will our "gruelling" Middiette games to Virginia Hafer and Sarah O'Neil.

I, John Feledy, leave my quiet, friendly smile and my shy look, which cover up my deviltry, to Adam DiCristoforo.

I, Nancy Kilburn, will the wonderful feeling of that crown on my head to next year's homecoming queen.

We, Bill Cox and Tony Elieff, will our football powers to anyone who has the courage to face a mighty Springfield team.

I, Rosa Jane Cusano, will my used paint brushes and old poster paints to Faye Deaton.

Last Will And Testament

I, Dale Shockey, leave my smooth way with women to Bill Walker.

I, Jim Butch, leave my "consulship" and my portrayal of Julius Caesar to next year's Virgil Class.

I, Glenna Cornwell, will my sore throats and aching bones to Marilyn Smith.

We, the Lakeside Seniors - Barbara Graff, Peg Mann, Dee Lambert, and Jim Butch - leave the memories of our fun at parties to inspire the sophomores who have never had a date.

I, Marisue Boyle, leave my knack for always getting character parts in plays to Linda Hagan.

I, Jack McLaughlin, will my position as president of almost everything to Bob Brumfield.

I, Shelby Velte, will my much used debate box to Carenay Coker, provided she will oil the hinges and keep fresh throat lozenges in it.

I, Jim Moorhead, will my ability to harass my teachers by sleeping and having unsharpened pencils to Max Murstein.

We, the casts of the plays of the Class of '55, will our apple cores, empty potato chip sacks, broken pop bottles, and sleepless nights to the Thespians of the Class of '56.

We, Paul Howard and Charlie Watkins, will our sore muscles to Ron Dykes and "Snake" Thomas.

I, Kenny Helfman, will my dehydrated 6 feet of height to Dalas Green, provided he can take the kidding that goes with it.

I, Phyllis Barker, leave my ability to say almost anything in almost anybody's class and keep the whole class in an uproar to Phil Sams.

I, Tom Kemp, will my speeches to anyone who can memorize them without forgetting them.

We, Karen Siegfried and Judy Stalls, leave our little sisters, Brenda and Connie, with shouts of joy.

I, Dale Wills, will my huge physique to Dick Henry.

I, Nancy Purvis, leave my love of "Big Boys" to "Tank" Spangler.

We hereby request that Mr. E. O. Barr and Miss Lillie Maier be appointed executor and executrix of this, our last Will and Testament, admonishing them to administer these our last bequests with all the love and tenderness of which they are so deserving and always to remember the helpful spirit in which they were offered.

In witness whereof we, the Class of 1955, have hereby affixed our signature and seal, this fourteenth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

THE SENIORS





Senior Cosmopolitan

MOST LIKELY-TO-SUCCEED

Shelby Velte
Kenneth Crawford

MOST DEPENDABLE

Pat Lawrence
Dave Smith

MOST ATHLETIC

Janice James
Denzil Ratliff

MOST SINCERE

Don Murphy
Becky Roof

MOST FRIENDLY

Nancy Kilburn
Don Keffer



Senior Cosmopolitan

MOST INTELLIGENT

Jack McLaughlin
Peggy Mann

MOST CO-OPERATIVE

Yvonne Lykins
Tom Kemp

MOST TALENTED

David Higham
Janet Sue Carr

MOST ATTRACTIVE

Patsy Jo Gilley
Dick King

MOST ENTHUSIASTIC

Bert Sheard
Deanna Lambert

MOST WITTY

Pat Cogan
Jim Butch



Linda Hagan, *treasurer*; Anne Foutz, *secretary*; Marilyn Smith, *vice-president*; Ronnie Dykes, *president*.

Memos from the Middie Middlemen

As the junior class, we have a unique role in the propagation of "Middie Magic." We are imbued to a much greater extent with its enchanting powers than are the sophomores; but we do not walk around with our heads in the cloudy mists of magic in the higher atmosphere as do the seniors. We "hit the happy medium."

Our class members have distinguished themselves in a variety of fields — debate, band, athletics, speech, cheerleading, and various clubs.

As sophomores our class play, "Moonlight for Herbert," was a great success; however, our junior class play, "Time Out for Ginger," won greater distinction. A few of us had the privilege of distinguishing ourselves in the operettas, "The Merry Widow" and "H. M. S. Pinafore."

Many hard-working committees under the supervision of Mrs. Bess Smucker and Mr. Harold Figley provided a "magical mood" for the Junior-Senior Prom in May, giving the departing seniors a last bit of high school happiness before entering the cold, cruel world!

So we, of the junior class, are looking forward to next year when we shall be the "top hats" and shall be able to work our own unique magic in the halls and classes of M. H. S.



1st Row — Jack Abner, Jane Adams, Roderick Adams, Ronald Agronin, Jim Anderson, Dianne Ashcraft, Tommy Atkins, Bob Baber, Edward Back, Charlotte Bailey.

2nd Row — Loretta Bailey, Richard Bailey, Dixie Baker, Jerry Ballard, Billy Banks, Barbara Banzhaf, Marvin Barker, Mary Barker, Thomas Barnhart, Nancy Lou Beam.

3rd Row — Donna Bellamy, Zellow Belt, David Bessel, James Thomas Billett, Elaine Bishop, Marion Bishop, Mary Ann Blackmore, Sherilan Bladel, Ross Blaine, Wilma Blanton.

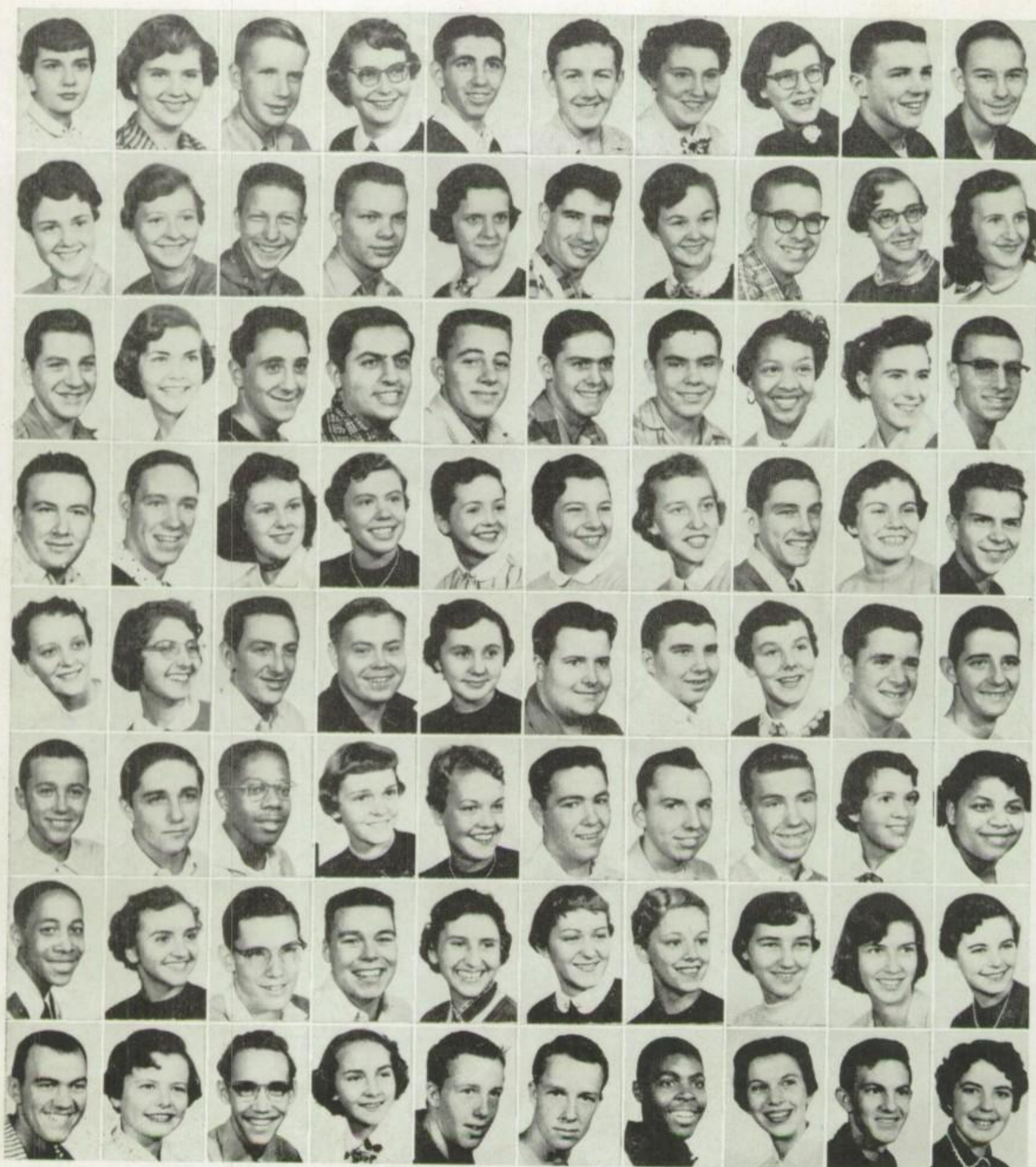
4th Row — Trent Bobbitt, Kernie Boggs, David Bowley, Donald Bowlin, Janice Bowling, Barbara Bowman, Sheila Bowman, Kenneth Lloyd Bracken, Betty Brandenburg, Lucille Brandenburg.

Juniors

5th Row — Deloris Brelsford, Mary Ann Brennen, Beatrice Brewer, Bob Brewer, Pauline Brewer, Barbara Brown, Don Brown, Janet Brown, Judith Brown, Yvonne Brown.

6th Row — Bob Brumfield, Marilyn Burdge, Don Burgess, Bill Bursk, Diane Bursk, Richard Thomas Byrum, Robin Caldwell, Eugene Callahan, Mary Jane Canter, Claudia Carr.

7th Row — Esther Cassidy, Helen Cassidy, Lance Caudill, Jerry Chaney, Tommy Charles, Ronald Chrisman, Carencay Coker, David Coldiron, Bill Cole, Jerry Cole.



Juniors

1st Row — Darlene Collier, Sonia Combs, Larry Conarroe, Barbara Conn, Robert Cooper, Stephen Cox, Barbara Creech, Bonnie Crosthwaite, Tommy Crowe, Jack Current.

2nd Row — Linda Curry, Yvonne Curtis, Howard Dalton, Thomas Daly, Glenna Davidson, Louis Davis, Marita Ann Davis, John Day, Geraldine Dearth, Aileen Deaton.

3rd Row — Coy Deaton, Faye Deaton, Fred DeBiasi, John Demetrian, Bob Dennis, Dick Dennis, Ronald Diver, Sylvia Doty, Janice Downs, Tim Draut.

4th Row — Lowell Dunn, Ron Lee Dykes, Donna Earhart, Lois Ann Ebel, Shirley Eck, Marilyn Edwards, Mona Egelston, Warren Ellis, Carolyn Endebrock, Tom Ewen.

5th Row — Sue Ewing, Carolsue Fagan, Lee Faulkner, Joe Fay, Sandra Fay, Louis Fee, Homer Feerer, Beverly Figgins, Ronnie Finkleman, Steve Fishbaugh.

6th Row — Thomas Flavin, Jerry Lee Fleming, James Edward Ford, Phyllis Jean Forster, Anne Louise Foutz, Benny Frye, Samuel Fugate, Donald Furlow, Carol Galloway, Sylvia Jean Gary.

7th Row — Paul Eugene Gates, Sondra Jean Gehm, Gary Getter, Douglas Giltrow, Cecilia Mae Gonzalez, Judith Ann Gray, Judith Ann Greer, Carolyn Griggs, Virginia Lee Hafer, Linda Jane Hagan.

8th Row — Glenn Hall, Jane Alice Hall, Richard Hall, Peggy Jill Hammond, David Haney, Jonathan Haney, Ronald Hardeman, Virginia Hardwick, Dynzel Hatfield, Donna Rae Hawkins.



1st Row — Wayne Hidy, Jim Hight, Patricia Ann Hillman, Mary Hilton, Marilyn Holmes, James Hood, Wallace Horne, David Howard, Eugene Howard, George Howard.

2nd Row — Patricia Ann Howard, Sandra Howard, Shirley Ann Howard, Hazel Howell, Robert Hudson, Dolly Jean Hughley, Dan Hurston, Sallie Hutcherson, Joy Huy, Harold Hunter Irvine.

3rd Row — Bill Ivey, Lynn Jackson, Priscilla Ann Jackson, Russell Jackson, Wanda Jackson, Charlotte Jenkins, Howard Franklin Jenkins, Carline Johnson, Elaine Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson.

4th Row — Jim Johnson, Ola Mae Johnson, Roseline Johnson, Carol Sue Jones, Gary Jones, Zelma Kah, Evelyn Keasling, Nancy Kerr, Jim Kidd, Nancy Kincaid.

5th Row — Theola King, Martha Kirksey, Barbara Klein,

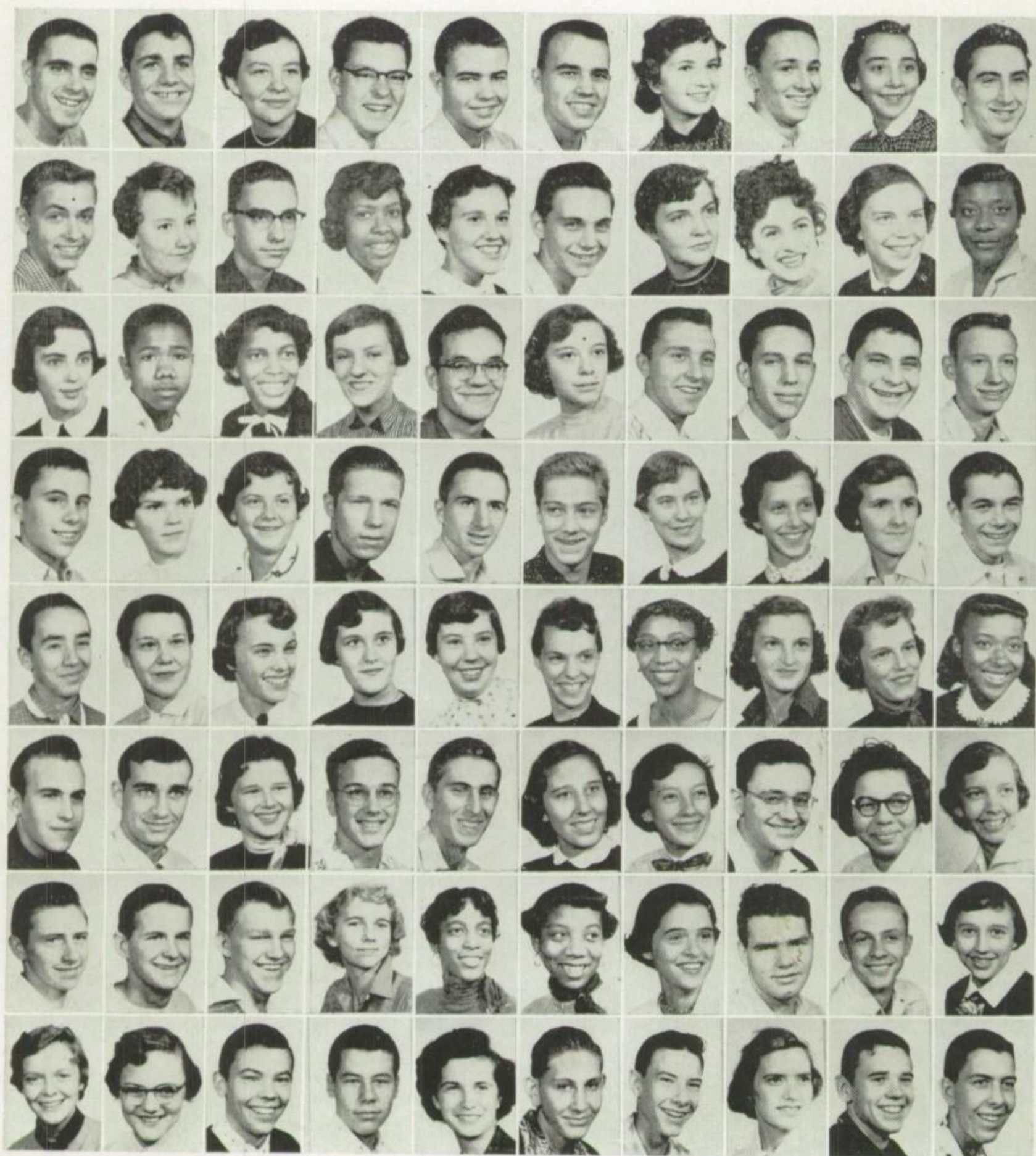
Susan Kraft, Judy Kunze, Lois Jane Lankford, David Lansaw, Lynn Larew, Kenny Lairson, Lloyd Larison.

6th Row — Donald Latimore, Jeanette Lattimore, Robert Laundry, David Lee Lawson, Etta Faye Lawson, Ivan Lawson, Nancy Louise Lawson, Jerry Leak, Daniel Ledford, Sandra Lee.

7th Row — Karen Sue Levey, Bernice Levy, Elsie Catherine Lindon, Jim Lindsey, Beverly June Little, Jerry Little, Bill Long, Ronald Lowe, Janet Ludwick, Mary Mack.

8th Row — Jerry Elaine Malott, Carol Mann, Janet Marion Martin, Joy Massey, Mike Mathews, Gene McCandless, Jack McClain, Jim McClain, Suzanne McConn, Betty McCutcheon.

Juniors



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1st Row — Kenny McDaniels, Tom McIntyre, Becky McKenzie, Ronnie McKenzie, Doug McKnight, Dave McPeck, Carole McQuinn, Michael Mehl, Louann Merrick, Don Milburn.

2nd Row — Larry Millar, Barbara Miller, Fred Miller, Willa Mims, Sandra Minor, Jimmie Mize, Judy Mize, Bertie Mokry, Eleanor Moon, Ethel Louise Moore.

3rd Row — Phyllis Moore, Allan Morgan, Christine Morgan, Paula Morgan, Robert Lee Morris, Patricia Mullins, Larry Murphy, James Murray, Max Murstein, Jackie Myers.

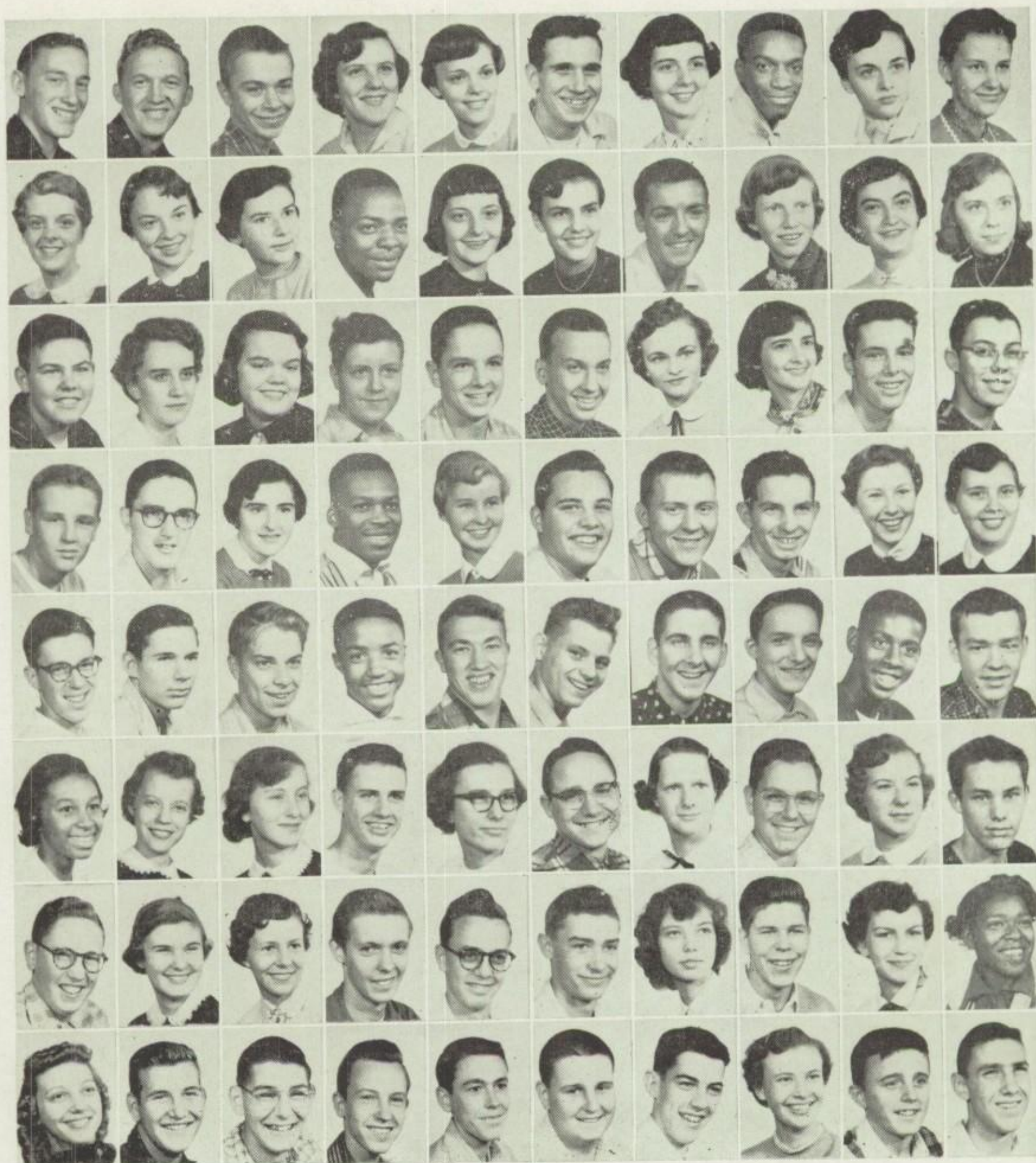
4th Row — Bob Newkirk, Jackie Nichols, Sue Ellen Nicklas, Bill Nolan, Ron Nolan, Danny Norman, Shirley Oakley, Corky O'Friel, Faye Jane Olgee, Fred Parrella.

5th Row — Bob Patton, Peggy Pelfrey, Pat Peters, Carole Phibbs, Doris Jean Phillips, Patricia Phillips, Sarah Phillips, Carolyn Poff, Wilma Poff, Daisy Lee Pollard.

6th Row — Sam Potter, Ronnie Pratt, Kathy Pritchett, James Purvis, Charles Rau, Gwendolyn Marie Redding, Jean Reeves, Charles Revelos, Dorothy Louise Reynolds, Jacquie Rice.

7th Row — George Rinehart, Bill Robbins, Kenneth Roberts, Betty Robinson, Florence Robinson, Rose Robinson, Lois Roper, James Alec Ross, Bill Rupp, Sue Rusk.

8th Row — Nancy Russelo, Margaret Ann Ruth, Oakie Sallie, Phil Sams, Joyce Sansom, Michael Schaen, Dick Scheibert, Marilyn Alice Scheibert, Lawrence Schneider, Bob Schuman.



1st Row — Charles Sears, Joe Sears, Bob Selby, Betty Shepherd, Jo Ann Shepherd, Jerry Sholar, Brenda Siegfried, Charles Smith, Eileen Grace Smith, Julia Smith.

2nd Row — Lynn Smith, Marilyn Smith, Ann Snethen, Junior Snow, Margaret Spencer, Connie Stalls, Don Lee Stamper, Gwen Stamper, Mary Etta Stevens, Wanda Stewart.

3rd Row — Byron Strassburger, Sara Strodbeck, Jan Rose Sullivan, Bill Tatro, Don Taylor, Jack Taylor, Melva Taylor, Rosa Taylor, Don Teets, William Theodore.

4th Row — Gerald Thomas, Ronnie Thomas, Sandra Thompson, Ernest Thornton, Barbara Thorpe, Bob Tindall, Jim Tipton, Ray Townsend, Alice Troup, Lenora Turner.

5th Row — Fred Tyson, Ronnie Velde, David Velte, David Vinson, Leroy Wagner, Joe Waits, Bill Walker, John

Walker, Oliver Wallace, Ralph Wardlow.

6th Row — Beverly Ann Warfield, Pat Watson, Pat Weaver, Terry Webster, Barbara Weich, Charles Weikel, Mary Ann Weikel, Harvey Weinstein, Veronica Ann Weller, Robert Lee Wells.

7th Row — Dick Wendt, Lois Wenzel, Norma Jean Werner, Jerry Wetzel, Jim White, Charles Whiteman, Phyllis Whitt, Thomas Lee Wiley, Barbara Williams, Betty Elizabeth Williams.

8th Row — Martha Wills, Harley Glenn Wilson, Charles Winkelman, William Wolter, Ronnie Wood, Jay Wright, Glen Yoder, Ruth Louise Yoho, Dick Young, Stephen Zeller.

Juniors



Jaunty Juniors Display

Interest
Mischievous
Laziness
Knowledge
Romance
Mechanics

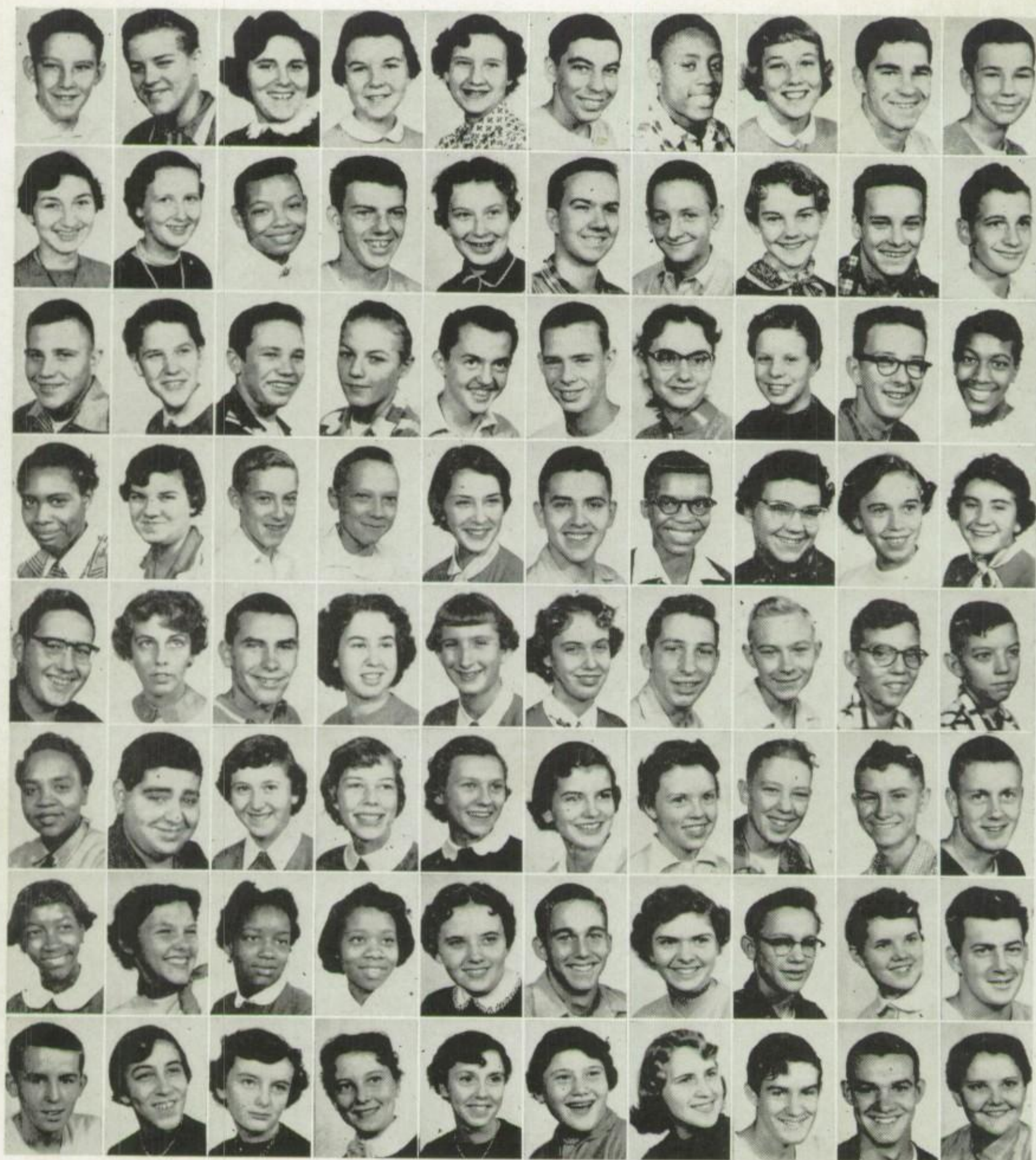




Saucy Sophomores Learn

Co-ordination
Directions
Competition
Courtesy
Observation
Relaxation





Sophomores

1st Row — Gary Abner, James Jay Adams, Marlene Adams, Nancy Adams, Dana Marie Agnor, Larry Allen, Vernon Allen, Judith Arbuckle, Dale Ashley, David Edward Augspurger.

2nd Row — Patricia Augspurger, Glenna Back, Nellie Maye Baker, Ronald Baker, Beverly Sue Ballard, David Ballard, Pete Balzer, Robin Banker, Corkey Lee Banks, Craig Barber.

3rd Row — Allyn Barker, Jean Barker, Robert Barker, Richard Barnhart, David Barrett, Darrel Forest Basford, Susan Jo Bell, Constance Bennett, Harry Lee Berry, Mary Louise Bess.

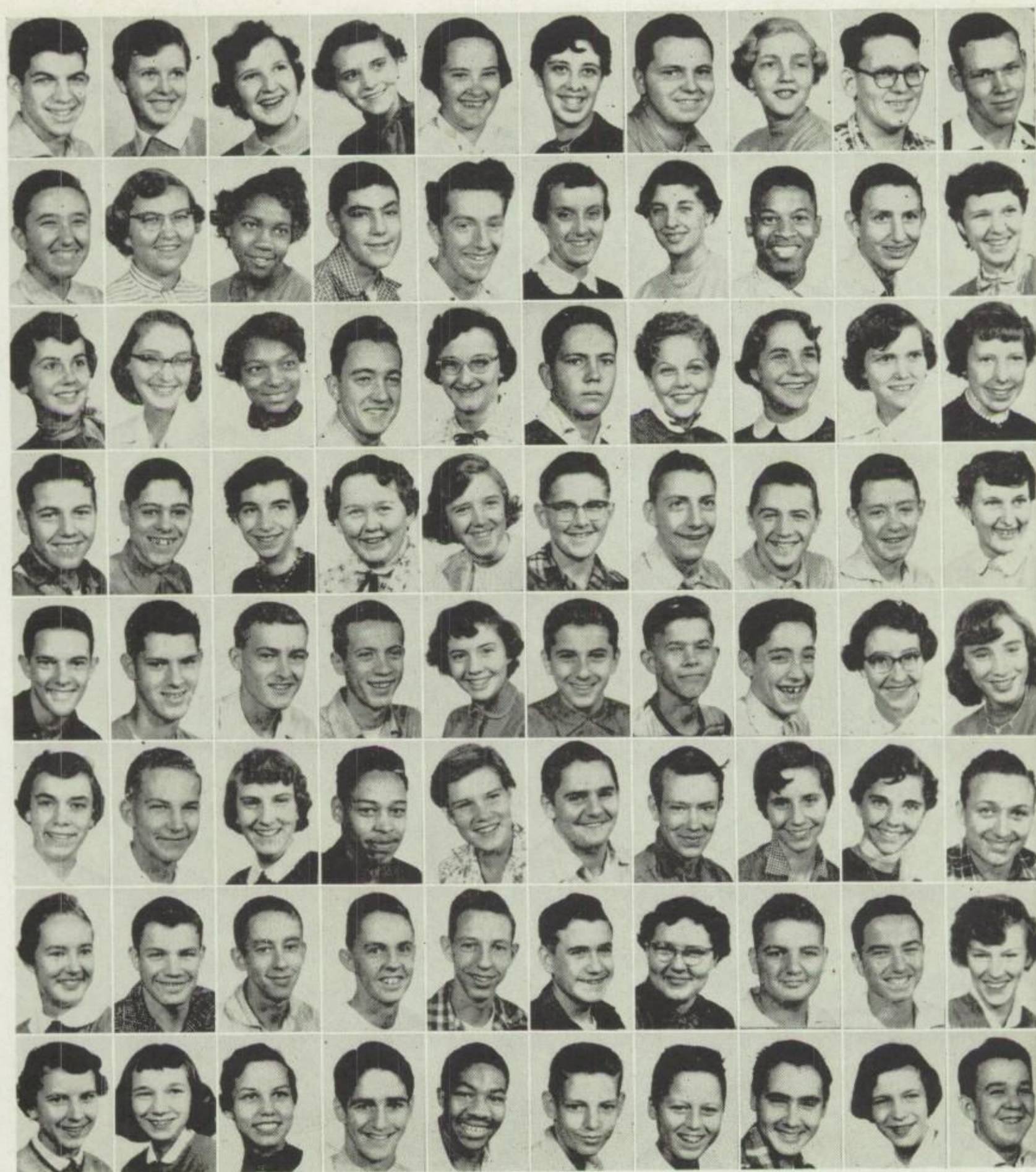
4th Row — Matilda Ann Bess, Florene Bishop, James Blevins, John Blevins, Mary Jane Bowen, Barry Bowman, Shirley Dean Branch, Marcia Gail Brate, Frances Irene Brecht, Martha Jo Brede.

5th Row — Lawrence Frederick Brewer, Mildred Kay Brewer, Paul Robert Brewer, Wyvonnia Brewer, Marcia Ann Brooks, Peggy Jane Brooks, Thomas Alan Brooks, John Brown, Jim Bruffey, Kenneth Bruffey.

6th Row — Eleece Bryant, Dick Bugitzedes, Judith Ann Bundren, Marilyn Lee Bunn, Judith Ann Burgess, Carol Goodwin Burns, Mary Elleanor Burns, Jerry Arnold Burton, Floyd Edward Byrd, Jay Byrd.

7th Row — Barbara Ann Calhoun, Darlene Calia, Janet Campbell, Janice Campbell, Marcia Lynn Campbell, Thomas Harry Campbell, Edna Sue Carroll, James Carter, Sandra Carter, Fred Cassidy.

8th Row — Robert Louis Charles, Mary Ellen Christy, Carol Sue Clark, Patricia Ann Clark, Patti Clark, Charlene Cohen, Zula Coldiron, Hicksen Cole, Robert Leon Cole, Shirley Ann Collier.



1st Row — Robert Wayne Colliver, Phyllis Jean Combs, Sally Combs, Wanda Combs, Dorothy Conarroe, Margaret Conlee, David Joseph Congleton, Brenda Louise Cooper, Larry Cottongim, Norman Cottongim.

2nd Row — Frank Cox, Gloria Ann Cox, Marie Cox, Paul Cox, Raymond Cox, Janet Craft, Lois Cramer, Richard Crawford, Edward Craycraft, Cynthia Delores Creech.

3rd Row — Claire Crowley, Nell Crump, Geneva Culbreath, John Cundiff, Nancy Cunningham, Jim Curry, Faye Curtis, Lois Curtis, Theda Curtis, Mary Daniel.

4th Row — Robert Daniels, Stanley Daniels, Eleanor Davidson, Ruth Davies, Genevieve Davis, Jerry Davis, Marvin Dearth, J. B. Deaton, David Terry DeFrees, Pat Delver.

5th Row — Ray Dennis, Fred Denniston, Fred Denny, Jack

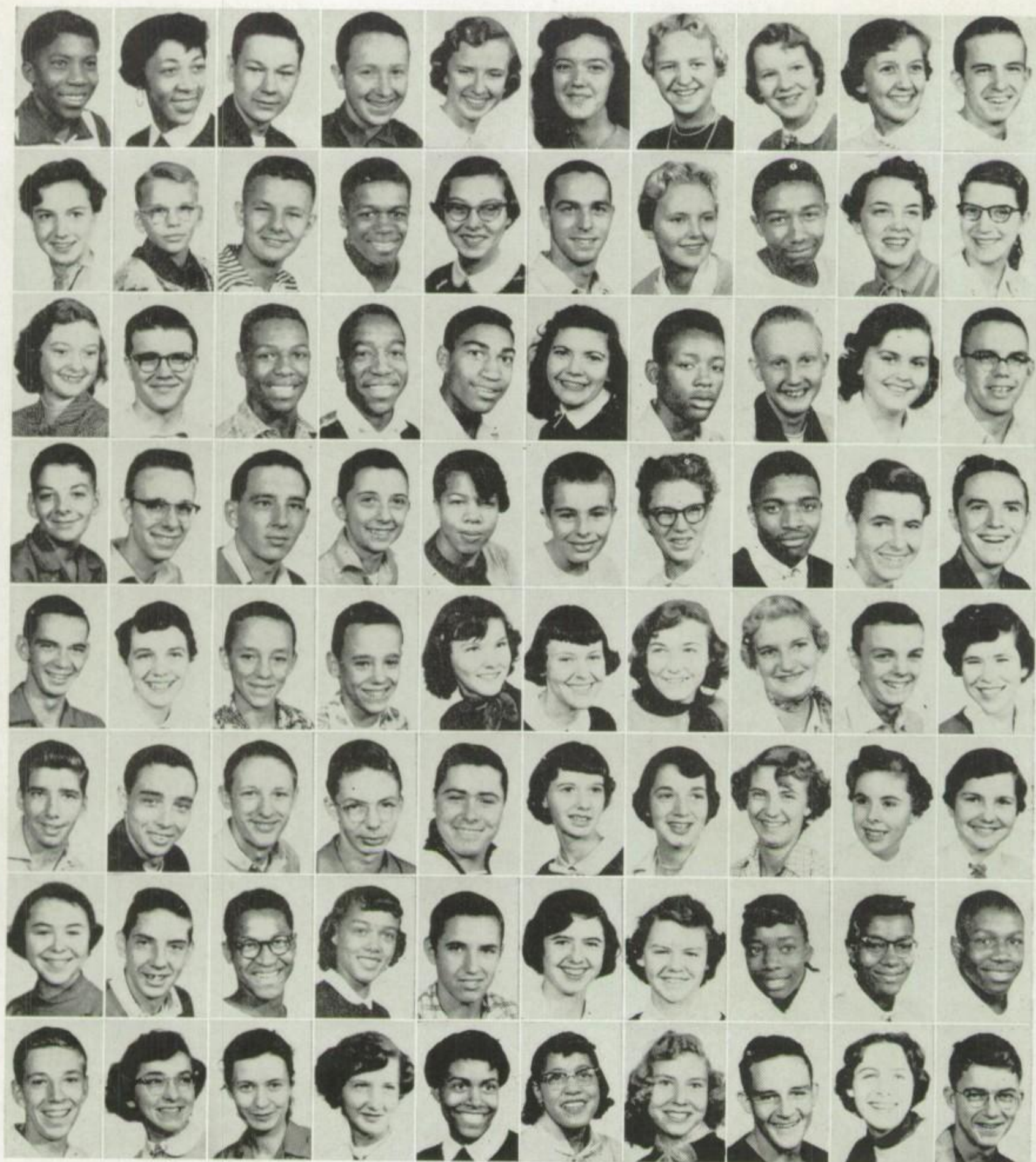
Sophomores

Denny, Diane DeWitt, Adam DiCristoforo, Lavon Dillon, Tom Dokas, Emilie Doring, Janetta Downs.

6th Row — Karen Marie Draut, Spencer Duffey, Eleanor Eck, William Ecton, Phyllis Edwards, Bob Egelston, Don Elam, Barbara Elieff, Donna Emrick, Harvey Emrick.

7th Row — Nancy Emrick, Harry Evans, David Fagan, Jackie Feezor, Richard Feezor, Jerry Ferrell, Dorothy Jean Fike, James Finch, Ross Finkelman, Eugenie Fishbaugh.

8th Row — Carol Fisher, Judy Fisher, Sue Ann Fisher, Bob Flagel, Samuel Flemming, Dean Fordyce, Kenneth Fraley, Tom French, Mary Fryman, Bob Fugett.



Sophomores

1st Row — Felix Fuller, Cynthia Gates, Robert Gehron, Jack Gilbert, Amy Ginter, Bonnie Ginter, Carolyn Gividen, Janet Goforth, Donna Goins, Ronnie Goodwin.

2nd Row — Janice Graham, Dalas LaVaughn Green, Walter Greenfield, Phillip Gregory, Sally Gregory, Ron Hackney, Judy Hagan, Felton Hall, Janice Hall, Patricia Hall.

3rd Row — Wanda Jewell Hall, Frank Arthur Harris, Bob Hart, Donald Hart, Franklin Hart, Jean Hartman, Isaiah Ozie Harvey, George Hatton, Carolyn Sue Hawkins, Don Hawkins.

4th Row — Bill Hayes, Bill Helsel, Jerry Helton, Dick Henry,

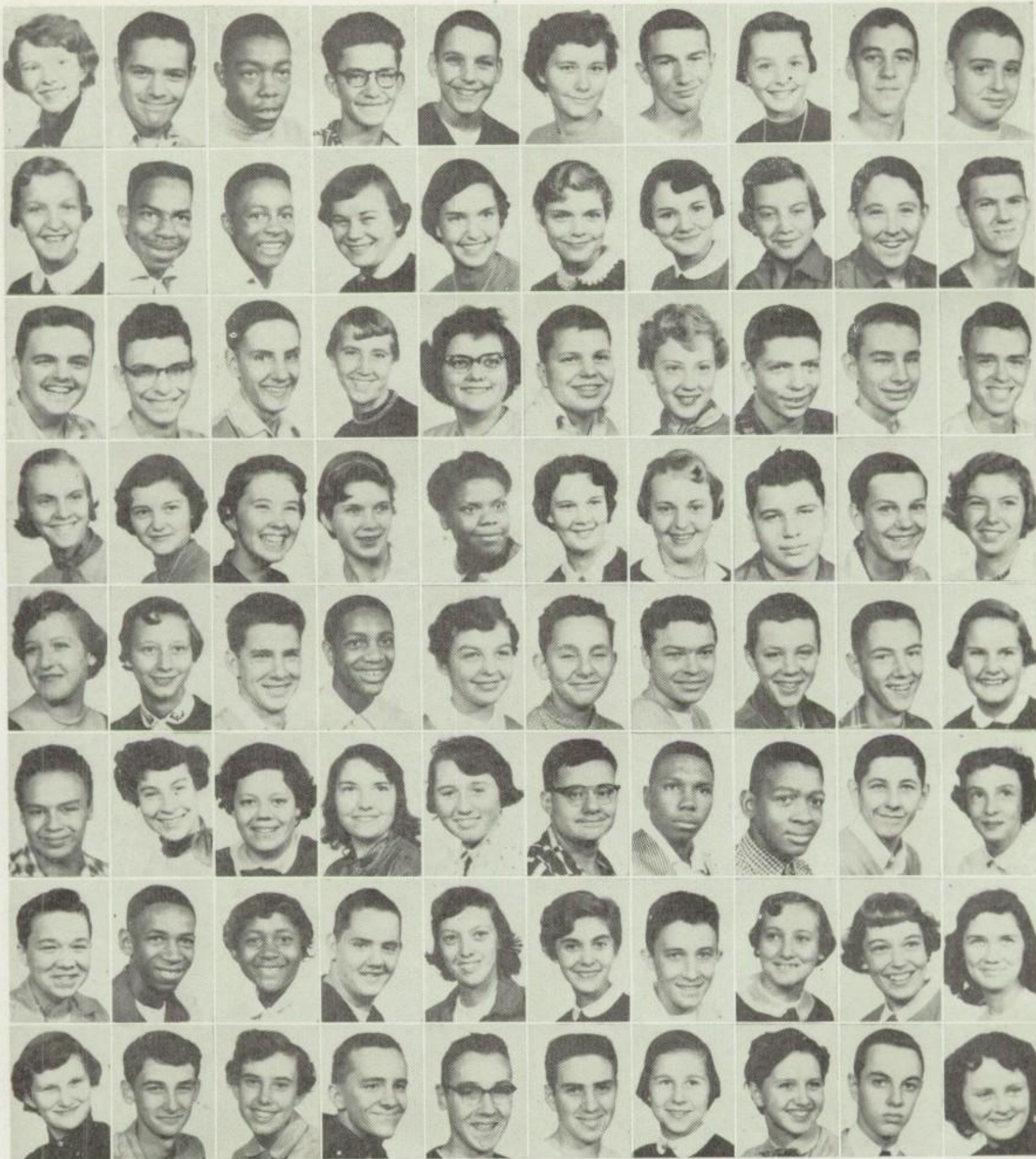
Lois Henry, Jim Hensley, Peggy Hensley, Teddy Herndon, Jerry Hester, Eddie Hill.

5th Row — Paul Edward Hinds, Fran Hiteshue, David Hoffman, Jon Hoffman, Shirley Ann Hollar, Betty Homan, Judy Ann Hoppe, Betty Horn, Thomas Lee Horn, Betty Huff.

6th Row — Paul Huntsbarger, Jerome Huntsberger, Barrett Ingram, William Ingram, Ernest Jackson, Janet Sue Jackson, Linda Jackson, Ruth James, Suzanne Jaques, Helen Jenkins.

7th Row — Barbara Etta Jestice, Joe Jewell, Howard Gilbert Johnson, Lee Fern Johnson, Linville Johnson, Scarlett Johnston, Geraldine Jones, Marguerite Jones, Nettie Louise Jones, Wesley Jones.

8th Row — Woodford Jones, Patsy Kabler, Fay Kalbaugh, Loretta Keeton, Marilyn Kemp, Doris King, Faye King, Jimmy Kinser, Judy Kinsworthy, LeRoy Knott.



Sophomores

1st Row — Sandra Koeppel, Carl Kolker, Arthur Kyles, Donald Edwin L'Amoureux, Larry Lantis, Fay Lawson, Leonard Lawson, Lynne Lawson, Michael Lawson, Marlin Leffler.

2nd Row — Sandra Lentz, Thomas Lewis, Willie Ligon, Jane Lindsey, Betsy Little, Betty Long, Rosemary Longworth, Lucinda Lowry, Buddy Mann, Donnie Manns.

3rd Row — John Franklin Margerum, Robert Bruce Martin, Barry Melvin Mathis, Breele Mattingly, Virginia Jannette Maxwell, Ronald May, Margaret Mays, Sam McAdow, Bill McCabe, Tom McCandless.

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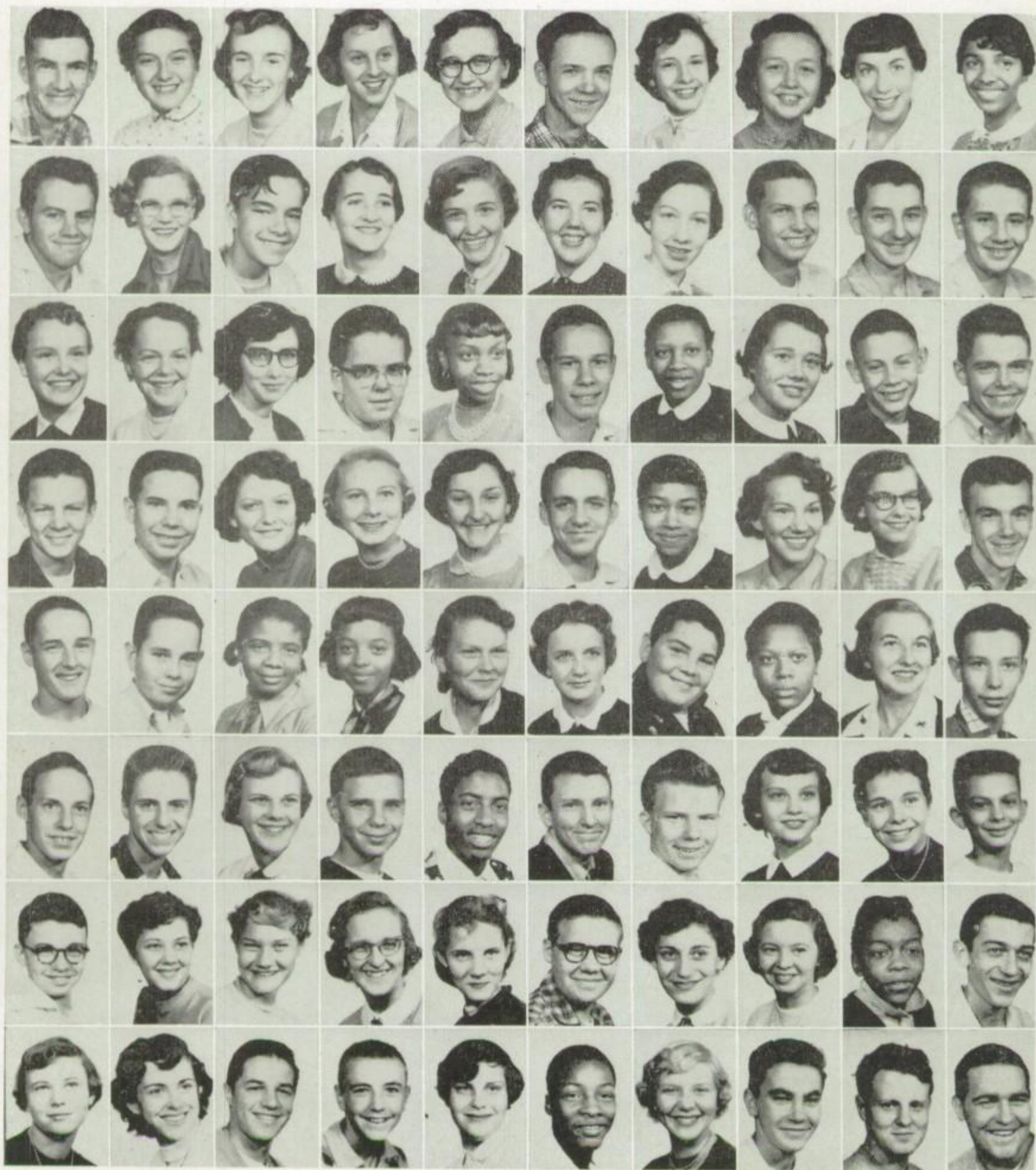
5th Row — Norma Jane McGuire, Wilma McHenry, Mike

McIntosh, Eddie McKeller, Sandra McKenzie, Michael McLaughlin, Cecil McNabb, Larry McNabb, David Richard Mehl, Eugenie Gardner Millan.

6th Row — David Miller, Donna Mae Miller, Eileen Miller, Janice Pearl Miller, Jo Ann Miller, Roger Lee Miller, Dave Mitchell, Leon Mitchell, Carl Monroe, Bonita Ann Montgomery.

7th Row — Phil Edward Moon, John Earl Moore, Thelma Moore, Bob Morris, Danelle Morrison, Betty Lou Mueller, Homer Norman, Patricia Yvonne Oakley, Sarah Stone O'Neil, Peggy Ann O'Neill.

8th Row — Marie Osborne, Glenn Owens, Cecelia Palmer, Ronnie Parker, Marlin Parks, Robert Parshall, Ernestine Patrick, Lola Payne, Jim Peirce, Lorine Cora Pence.



Sophomores

1st Row — Jim Pennington, JoAnnette Perry, Patty Perry, Patty A. Perry, Audrey Petereit, John Peterson, Kay Phelps, Judy Philips, Julie Phillips, Pat Phillips.

2nd Row — Charles Pieratt, Janet Poff, Carl Pohlable, Margaret Potter, Mary Prater, Susan Price, Carolyn Profitt, Richard Profitt, Ronnie Purcell, Steve Raine.

3rd Row — Becky Raker, Barsha Ratcliffe, Janet Ratliff, Tom Ratliff, Ruth Rawls, Robert Lane Reed, Shirley Reed, Jinny Sue Reese, Walter Roger Reffitt, Phil Reichter.

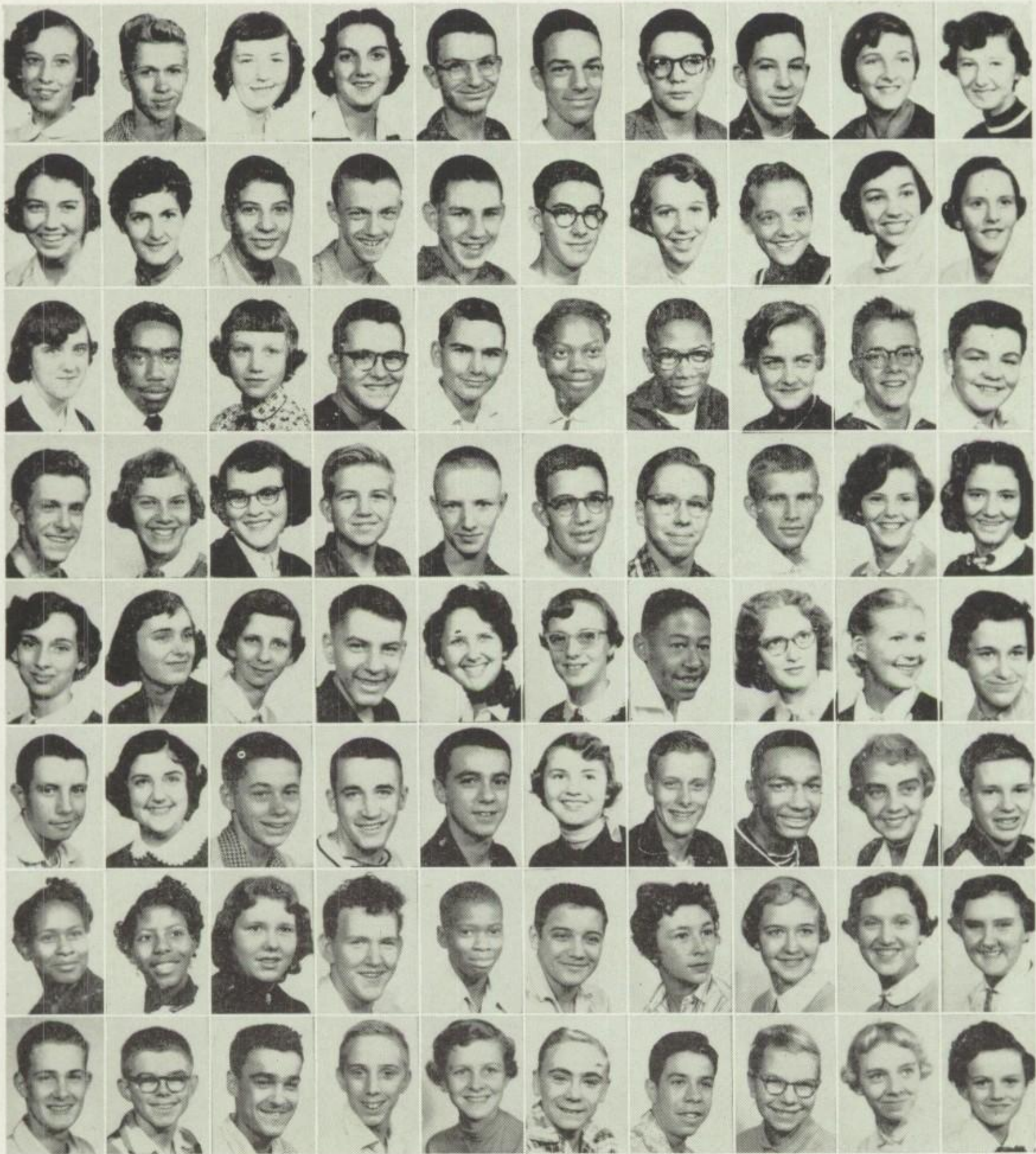
4th Row — Ronald Rhea, Bill Richardson, Demie Richardson, Janey Richardson, Phyllis Richardson, Robert Rickard, Mattie Roberts, Ruby Roberts, Ann Robinson, Glen Roebuck.

5th Row — Walter Watson Rogers, Delynn Rose, Gloria Louise Russell, Wanda Russell, Donna Ryan, Judith Ann Sabo, Al Salome, Gladys Sankey, Shirley Ann Scarse, Larry Schaps.

6th Row — Fred Schatzmann, Larry Schneider, Sally Anna Schultz, Joseph Daniel Selby, Charlie Shealey, Jim Shelton, Jack Shepard, Judy Shepherd, Beverly Shetter, Tom Shibley.

7th Row — Jack Shockey, Janice Shoemaker, Patty Short, Norita Sink, Sharon Kay Sisson, Dave Smallwood, Barbara Smith, Betty Lou Smith, Irvin Smith, Joe Smith.

8th Row — Judy Smith, Linda Smith, Marvin Smith, Ronald Smith, Betty Snelling, Jim Snow, Carol Ann Sohn, Dick Sorrell, Jim Sorrell, Phil Spangler.



1st Row — Peggy Spence, Curtis Spencer, Irene Spencer, Lela Spencer, Benny Spicer, Jim Spindler, Donald Squires, Kenny Staggs, Shirley Stamper, Toby Stamper.

2nd Row — Carole Staton, Sondra Stauder, Richard Steele, Don Stokes, Eddie Stokley, Charles Stone, Linda Swift, Carolyn Rae Taylor, Eileen Taylor, Faye Taylor.

3rd Row — Wilma Taylor, Richard Terry, Judy Tewalt, Bruce Thomas, Robert Thomas, Rose Moe Thomas, Charles Thompson, Deloris Thompson, Dick Thompson, Bob Thornton.

4th Row — Ronnie Thorpe, Judy Tieman, Shirley Tipton, Wayland Todd, James Townsend, Jimmy Trout, Ray Trout, Bill Tucker, Wilma Tutt, Patricia Underwood.

5th Row — Nancy Van Buskirk, Mary Waddell, Sue Wagers, Bill Wallace, Morene Walters, Donna Wardlow, Bill

Sophomores

Warfield, Joyce Warmoth, Caroline Warren, Susanne Weich.

6th Row — Charles Weidner, Betty Wells, David Wells, Paul Wells, Richard Wenzel, Sandy Wesco, Rodney Wheeler, Richard White, Carolyn Wikoff, James Wikoff.

7th Row — Hortense Wilburn, Jewell Wilkerson, Billie Williams, Clyde Williams, Isaiah Williams, John Williams, Joyce Williams, Margot Williams, Sandy Williams, Bonnie Wingrove.

8th Row — Fred Winslow, Jim Wireman, Rodney Wise, David Witt, Joanne Woodruff, Norman Workman, Bob Yoder, Carla May Young, Carolyn Young, Eva Jo Young.



Middie Magic



Motivates Magnificent Maneuvers

ACTIVITIES





Jack McLaughlin, Peggy Mann, Co-editors.

Memories of Middie Magic

There was the sharp little pang when we learned we were Optimist editors; there was that moment when Peg's and Susan's eyes lighted up and they said "Middie Magic!" for the first time;

There were the tedious moments when Miss Mac tried to teach us to figure, mark, and mount pictures; there was the thrill of our first package back from Indianapolis;

There were the innumerable trivial trips and carting home of ten tired editors by Davey Smith in his blue Nash, and his cheerful willingness to help everybody; there were Butchie's trips down to Hudson's to bring us back pop and candy bars, his temper tantrums and side-shaking wisecracks;

There were the bull sessions up in the Optimist office when we were supposed to be working, but got off on discussions of "pressing problems" of the day;

There was "good ol' Mac" running all over creation with his trusty camera and beat-up tripod, always with a smile and a witty remark;

There was Miss Mac, absolutely, completely, and entirely indispensable, answering the trillions of questions - Where's the key? Where's the red pencil? Where's the dummy? Does this bleed? How about a ride home?

There was "Sweet Pea" with glue all over herself; there was Dee yelling, "Where's the razor blades and roller?" There were those few precious moments when Jack got his brainstorms, there was Marisue's joyous shout when she finished the class poem, there was Lew's inevitable comment, "Good scoop!" There was Keffer talking about his two-page color spread, there was Susan's complaint, "I wish I could draw!"

There was the party at Peg's after everything was done;

And there were the many, many other moments of happiness, dejection, and exhilaration too numerous to recount but too wonderful ever to forget.

1st Row — Peggy Mann, co-editor; Miss Veda McCray, adviser; Jack McLaughlin, co-editor; Dave Smith, circulation manager.

2nd Row — Pat Lawrence, class editor; Susan Bursk, art editor; Lew Seidner, sports editor; Marisue Boyle, literary editor; Don Keffer, advertising manager; Deanna Lambert, activities editor; Jim Butch, feature editor.





Sitting — Jim Butch, editor; Pat Cogan.
Standing — Shelby Velte, Janet Carr, Dick King, Yvonne Lykins.



1st Row — Polly Reinartz; Marisue Boyle, editor.
2nd Row — Beverly Clark, Lois McConaughy, Jearlene Rogers, Joan Morris, Janet Dawson, Carole Ferguson, Tom Kemp.

Feature Staff

With the aid of a few sophomores and juniors, this staff chose the class cosmopolitans. One of its biggest jobs was to plan the opening section, which introduces our *Middie Magic* theme. Mac was sent to Middie Manor, Frisch's, and even to the radio station to take pictures signifying gumption, merriment, and other phases of *Middie Magic*.

Literary Staff

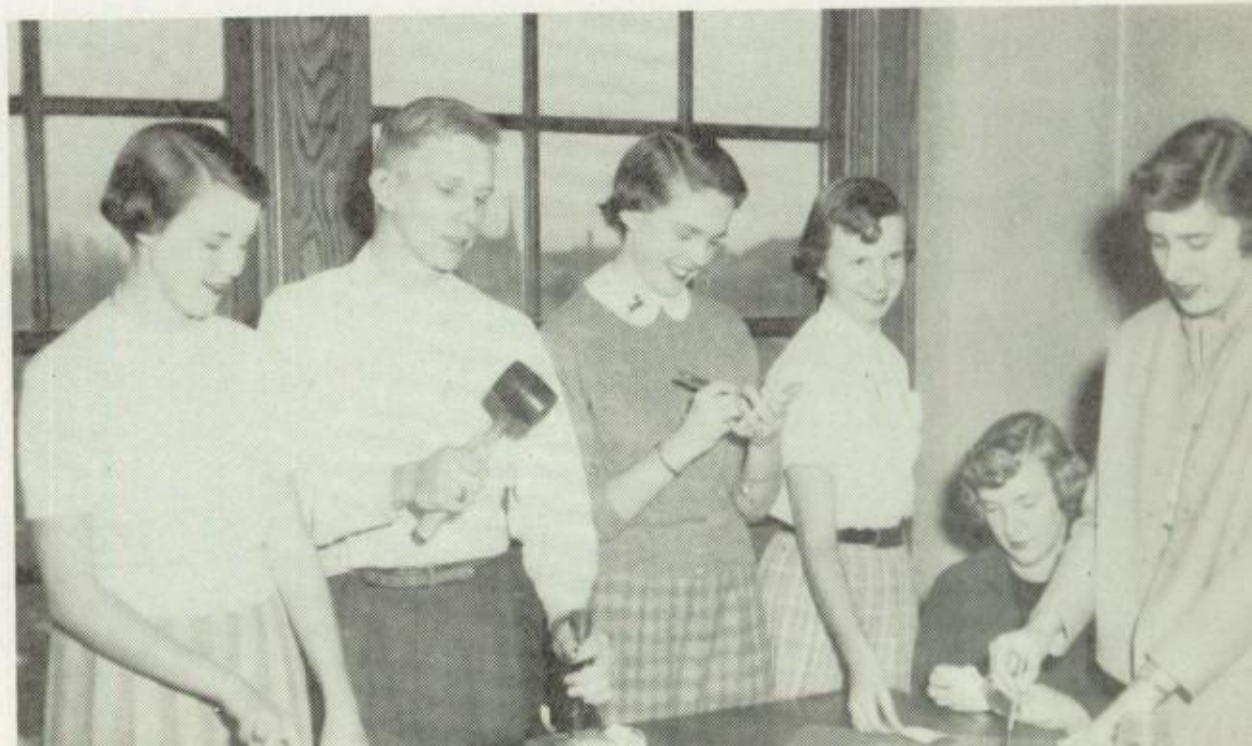
This staff with its trusty Thesaurus and ingenious minds composed the Last Will and Testament and the poem which runs through the senior pages. Marisue kept her little notebook handy so she could apply the famous sayings and hit parade to life at MHS.

Class Staff

Sticky fingers and tired minds were the results of a day's work by this staff, because their main task was cutting and pasting the students' pictures. Patience was an absolute essential in

checking the pictures again and again and consulting the files to see if a name had one or two "s's."

Jill Schrote
Don Murphy
Ann Downing
Pat Lawrence, editor
Leslie Slye
Arlene Frey



Advertising Staff

On your mark—get set—go! The ad staff dashed all over town trying to persuade merchants and professional people to buy advertising space in our Optimist. They had to sell enough ads so that our "Magic" Optimist would be a financial success.



1st Row — Don Keffer, editor; Nancy Keezer, Judy Stalls, Rita Halsey, Karen Siegfried.

2nd Row — John Feledy, Bill Forster, Melvin Lipton, Bob Jones.

Art Staff

Cauldrons, magic wands, crystal balls, stars, and genii were created by the art staff to further aid the theme of our *Middie Magic* yearbook. Special thanks must be given to Miss McDermott's typing classes who willingly helped our regular typists, Lois Timmer, Marlene Elsner, Donna Pearce, and Carolyn Jones, when we were trying to meet our deadline.

Sitting— Rosa Jane Cusano, Susan Bursk, editor; David Higham.

Standing — Pat Palmer, Joe Johnson, Connie Brown.





Sitting — Lew Seidner, editor; Frank Hall.

Standing — Janice James, Don Davies, Glenna Cornwell, Jim Moorhead, Ken Crawford, Paul Willis.

Athletic Staff

Even while they cheered the Middies on at football and basketball games, the members of this staff were busy writing a report of the game. Other sports events also had to be covered by this staff. The feminine sports reporters reminded everyone that the girls at MHS could hold their own in the athletic field.

1st Row — Frank Jones, Barbara Graff, Deanna Lambert, editor.
2nd Row — Becky Koeppel, Patsy Jo Gilley, Nancy Kilburn.
3rd Row — Deanna Salome.

Activities Staff

Hounding officers of the various clubs to find out what they had been doing during the year, taking pictures of all the activities in MHS with the help of faithful Mac, writing about the newly organized groups and the important events of other clubs were some of the many duties of this staff.





Sitting — Karen Good, head typist; Charlotte Bailey, assistant editor; Tom Hopkins, editor; Janet Dawson, news editor; Connie Brown, circulation manager.

Standing — Melvin Lipton, sports editor; Rosa Jane Cusano, feature editor; Yvonne Lykins, advertising manager.

The Middletonian

"Everyone reads the Middletonian!" This was a popular saying around the halls of MHS as everyone, eager to get clued in on the latest facts, scrambled to get his Middletonian every other Tuesday. Just the facts, that's all (?) that was in this power-packed four pages full of news, features, and sports. Assignments were faithfully covered by the amateur reporters from September to May. Working hard to compact these ideas were Tom Hopkins, editor, and Charlotte Bailey, assistant editor. Not to be forgotten is their understanding, always helpful adviser, Miss Eldridge. After careful corrections and approvals of the first copies, the masterpiece was loaded into a trusty car and transported to the Franklin Chronicle, where the Middletonian is printed. Flat feet and late hours of the talented staff were not in vain, because the Middletonian turned out to be a huge success.

Sitting — Miss Mabel Eldridge, adviser; Charlotte Bailey, assistant editor.

Standing — Tom Hopkins, editor.





Tom Wiley; Melvin Lipton, editor; Mary Ann Weikel; Don Taylor; Dick Henry.



Marilyn Burdge; Pat Lawrence; Bob Hudson; Janet Dawson, editor; Carol Burns.

Sports

"Mel's Memos" was the title given to the popular sports column. Melvin Lipton, assisted by his helpful staff, brought to you the play-by-play accounts of the exciting Middie games and kept the red-blooded Middie fans informed on everything in sports.

Typists

What would we do without the typists? Because of their toil and hard work, the printers at the Franklin Chronicle could easily tell what ideas were to be conveyed to the awaiting MHS students.

Sitting — Karen Good, head typist.
Standing — Jane Gray, Patricia Ellis, Lillian Jacobs.



News

"News assignments are due!" Here Janet checks on assignments with her crew, who, with eyes and ears open for everything, faithfully trailed around school on both routine and unusual assignments so that you would not miss a thing.

Features

Rosa and her crew were responsible for the whole second page plus other items featured in the Middletonian. Here the staff is shown drawing names for the popular "Top Hat Seniors" column. "Bailin' Out" and "Middie Maze" were also top favorites in each edition.

Sitting — Rosa Jane Cusano, editor.
Standing — Karen Levey, Emilie Doring, Suzanne Jaques, Anne Foutz.





Sitting — Miss Veda McCray, Miss Mabel Eldridge.

Standing — Marisue Boyle, Jim Butch, Pat Lawrence, Deanna Lambert, Jack McLaughlin, Peggy Mann, Dave Smith, Connie Brown, Yvonne Lykins, Tom Hopkins, Melvin Lipton, Rosa Jane Cusano, Janet Dawson (absent).

Quill and Scroll

Quill and Scroll, an honorary society founded to promote higher standards of writing in high school publications, is a national organization. Outstanding work on the Middletonian or Optimist here at MHS is the principal qualification for membership in the club. A student must also rank in the upper third of his class scholastically, be of good moral character, and be recommended by either Miss Mabel Eldridge, Middletonian adviser, or Miss Veda McCray, Optimist adviser.

Press Club

The newly-founded Press Club was composed of members of the hard-working Middletonian staff, with Miss Mabel Eldridge as their adviser. Criticizing and improving the Middletonian was the task of this organization. Meetings were held every other Wednesday to transact business and enjoy programs. To make themselves popular around school, the Press Club sponsored several dances in the gym after games. Proceeds from the dances were used to help defray the expenses of the Middletonian.

Bob Laundy, treasurer

Polly Reinartz, secretary

Rosa Jane Cusano, president

Anne Foutz, vice-president





Sitting — Dave Higham, president.

Standing — Jack Taylor, treasurer; Rosa Jane Cusano, secretary; Patsy Jo Gilley, vice-president; Pat Palmer, sergeant-at-arms.

Student Council

The student governing body of MHS, the Student Council, is composed of thirty members, ten being elected from each class at the beginning of the year. Miss Ellen Easton and Mr. Lawrence Johnson are the advisers for the group, which meets every two weeks. Among the various projects this year were participation in Brotherhood Week and the selling of tickets to the Alumni basketball game, from which Student Council reaped a share of the profits. The "Hoop Hop" was held in the gym during January, with music provided by the "Rhythmaires." Student Council sent representatives, Anne Foutz and Jack Taylor, to Monroe High School to discuss Student Council problems and activities in other schools.

Kim Sook Ja, an eleven-year-old Korean War orphan, was adopted for the second year by students at MHS. During Thanksgiving week students dug deep into their pockets and purses to contribute \$180 for Kim's living expenses. Alternating members of Student Council wrote her a letter every two weeks in which they told her about the celebrations of our various holidays and about our customs here. At Christmas the officers sent a box of gifts to her and received from her a Christmas card which she had made herself. Kim feels especially privileged to have a whole high school for a parent.

National Honor Society

Fourteen surprised and thrilled seniors were called to the stage during chapel on November 9 to be made members of the National Honor Society. At their first meeting they elected Tom Kemp, president; Yvonne Lykins, vice-president; and Ken Crawford, secretary.

A student must be in the upper third of his class before he can even be considered for membership in this national organization. He must also be outstanding in leadership, character, and service. Membership in the Honor Society of Middletown is purely honorary, because regular meetings are not held.

Each chapter of N. H. S. was invited to nominate one American to America's Hall of Fame in the 1955 election. Elections are held every five years. Candidates cannot be considered until 25 years after their death. Members of the local chapter of National Honor Society nominated Thomas A. Edison.

1st Row — Tom Kemp, Janet Sue Carr, Rosa Jane Cusano, Patsy Jo Gilley, Tom Hopkins.
2nd Row — Yvonne Lykins, Nancy Kilburn, Deanna Lambert, Pat Lawrence, Peggy Mann.
3rd Row — Kenneth Crawford, Jack McLaughlin, Becky Roof, Shelby Velte.





1st Row — Yvonne Lykins, Kenneth Crawford, Katherine Springer, Pat Cogan, Charlotte Kramer, Janet Dawson, Susan Bell, Joyce Ingram, Tom Kemp.

2nd Row — Connie Brown, Janice James, Polly Reinartz, Leslie Slye, Joan Morris, Charlotte Kern, Winona Byrd, Mary Denny, Marisue Boyle.

3rd Row — Jim Butch, Melvin Lipton, John Buehl, Eric Barnes, Bert Sheard, Paul Willis, Joe Hackett, Frank Hall, Don Murphy, Lew Seidner.

National Honor Society

One of the privileges of the first fourteen members of the National Honor Society is to tap the new members during a chapel in the spring. The new members are kept in suspense as each old member, looking for the person whom he wishes to tap, passes among the seniors.

The first group of Honor Society members represents five per cent of the senior class. In the second group ten per cent may be selected. On March 9 twenty-five seniors were tapped to join the first group. "Oh's" and "ah's" spread through the audience as the new members, surprised and happy, were led to the stage.

Tom Kemp, president, spoke before the tapping ceremony. He said that our American educational system is a great one. It is designed to develop character, scholarship, leadership, and to give us a chance to render a service. The people in National Honor Society are those who have taken advantage of this great system.



Kneeling — Don Keffer, Lew Seidner, Wally Niblick, Dale Shockey, Jack Sizer, Bert Sheard.
 Standing — Tom Kemp, Ken Crawford, Jack McLaughlin, Frank Hall, John Feledy, Jim Moorhead.

Boys' State

The seventeenth annual Boys' State was held at Camp Perry, June 11-20. At Boys' State the outstanding boys of Ohio take part in setting up a model state, patterning it exactly after the authentic state legislative, executive, and judicial departments. Middletown's delegation was the second largest in the state and was very active in Boys' State affairs.

The Middletown delegation, originally hoping to boost Jack McLaughlin into the governor's seat, joined forces with a northern Ohio faction and helped elect Tom Triplett governor on the Federalist ticket. As rewards for their hard work in the campaign, many Middletown boys received high posts in the State Commerce Department. Some of these appointments were Jack McLaughlin, director; Don Keffer, assistant director; Jack Sizer and Dale Shockey, State Fire Marshalls; Lew Seidner and Bert Sheard, Superintendents of the Bank; John Feledy and Jim Moorhead, Board of Real Estate Examiners; and Frank Hall, clerk. Ken Crawford was elected to the House of Representatives, while Tom Kemp was a very successful practicing attorney. Lew Seidner had numerous other miscellaneous duties, among them Assistant Director of Education, Clerk of County Court, Deputy County Sheriff, Assistant City Secretary, member of Nationalist Platform Committee, and delegate to State convention. After their nine wonderful days at Camp Perry, the boys all agreed that Boys' State was one of the highlights of their junior year.



Shelby Velte, Becky Roof

Girls' State

The campus of Capitol University was the setting for the 1954 Buckeye Girls' State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Of the six hundred and one girls present, Middletown had two delegates, Shelby Velte and Becky Roof. The purpose of this 49th State is to give the girls a working knowledge of how their state is run.

Each girl was assigned to a city, county, and political party. Campaigning and party caucuses added to the excitement of the first three days after which the newly-elected government started functioning. Both girls from Middletown were elected to the House of Representatives from the Federalist Party. The valuable experiences gained at Girls' State are something that will not easily be forgotten by either the past or future delegates.

The purpose of Youth Forum is to stimulate in students an interest in the events of the world in which they live. In meetings held once a month, the Youth Forum has at different times had Mr. Balda, an employee of Armco International, who spoke about his native country, Ecuador; Mr. Lawrence, who spoke on (Red) China; a panel, consisting of Jack McLaughlin, Tom Kemp, Don Keffer, and Shelby Velte, who discussed the national collegiate debate topic: "Should the United States Recognize Red China?"; Mr. Funston, an employee of Armco International, who talked and showed slides about Venezuela; Marisue Boyle, one of the four MHS delegates to the World Affairs Institute, who gave a talk on her visit to that conference. The members of Youth Forum feel that the presence of these guests at the meetings has benefited them in many ways.

Youth Forum

Tom Kemp, vice-president
Lew Seidner, president
Don Keffer, treasurer
Melvin Lipton, secretary





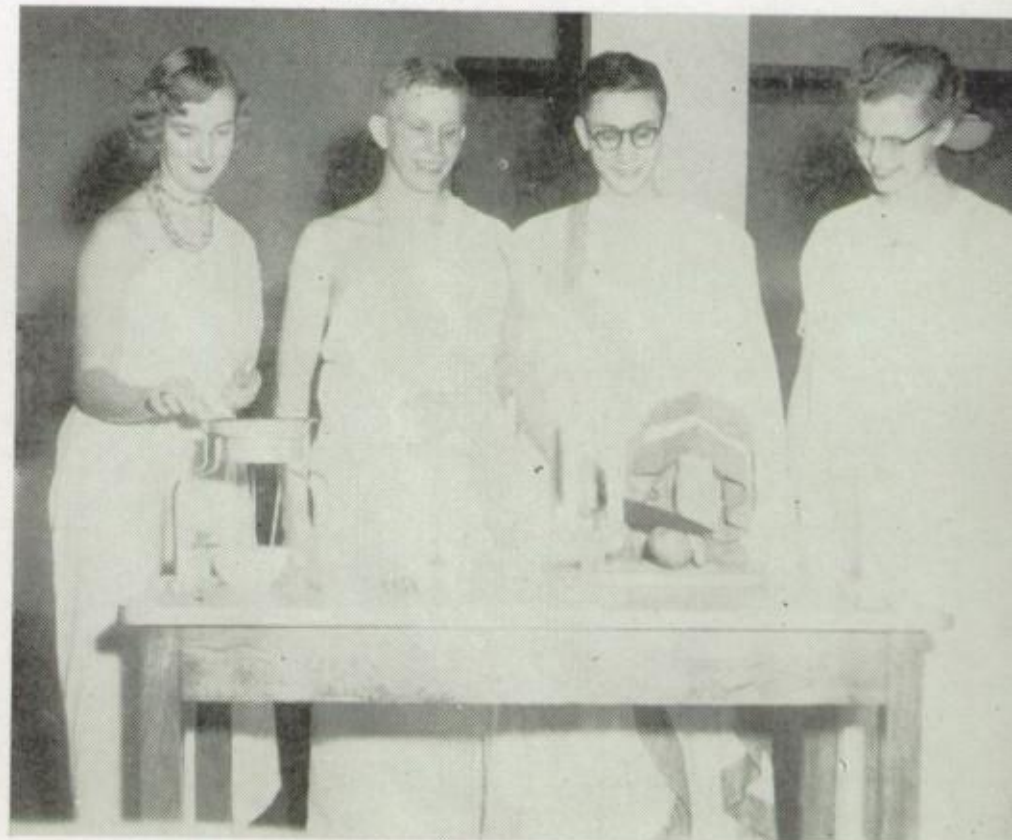
Junior Classical League Banquet

Entering with their right foot over the threshold, the Latin students were greeted by slaves who removed their sandals. Bowls of water were frequently passed to cleanse the sticky fingers, since there was no silverware, according to the Roman custom. An offering of wine, meat, and salt was made to the Lares Familiares between the main course and dessert. Slaves carried trays of Roman-styled food during the meal. The sophomores received their freedom after serving their junior and senior masters for the week preceding this occasion.

Leslie Slys, scriba; Don Murphy, praetor; Jim Butch, consul; Janet Martin, quaestor.

Initiation

Consul Jim Butch presided over the candlelight ceremony for the initiation of fifty-five new members into J. C. L. The impressive service was conducted by Lois McConaughy, Katherine Springer, Pat Lawrence, Peg Mann, Don Murphy, Bill Forster, Leslie Slys, and Jack Rivers. Each initiate placed seeds of achievement into the fire of interest as a sacrifice. The Ohio J. C. L. Convention at Columbus in April was attended by a large delegation, and the National J. C. L. meeting in Cedar Falls, Iowa, in June will also have representatives from the local club.





Joyce Forkner
Phil Lawson

Spanish Banquet

Gay senors and senioritas thronged the halls of MHS when the Spanish classes, taught by Miss Josephine Armstrong, held their spring banquet. One could easily have imagined that he was in old Mexico or romantic Spain as he feasted on chile and mate, a South American tea. Girls in peasant blouses and full skirts, and boys in brightly colored shirts, cummerbunds, and decorated trousers added to the illusion.

A huge pinata, a gaily decorated clay basket filled with candy, hung in the center of the room. Someone set the pinata in motion and blindfolded persons, armed with a baseball bat, were to swing at it and try to break it. Wally Niblick succeeded, and everyone made a leap for the candy.

Mr. Butler was the guest speaker, and the program was completed by Mexican dancing, with Joyce Forkner and Phil Lawson dancing the traditional "Mexican Hat Dance" and "La Bomba," and Sherry Shane and Judy Tieman throwing flowers to the senors and senioritas as they danced.

The classroom of Miss Mabel Eldridge has a French atmosphere, as there are pictures of interesting sights and places that one might visit in France. During the year the classes listen to records and act out plays in French. There is always the never-ending "Puis-je parler anglais?" from those students who feel that their French isn't proficient enough to speak in French all the time.

French Class

Claire Crowley
Nancy Keezer
Betsy Little
Melvin Lipton





Sitting — Bill Denis, Pat Palmer, Don Keffer, Ken Crawford, Bob Pummill.
 Standing — Harry ter Braak, Lee Hidy, Harold Hayes, Phil Heffner, Doug Clifton, John Feledy, Mac Tobias, Jack McLaughlin, Henry Miller, Jim Purvis.

Hi-Y Council

The Hi-Y Council is composed of the presidents and the council representatives of each of the Hi-Y clubs. The council serves as the governing body of the Hi-Y program in Middletown. In its monthly meetings the council plans joint meetings, weekly Y dances, and induction services, draws up a constitution for the individual clubs, and determines general policy. The Council also governs the basketball and football leagues. Miami Hi-Y won the football crown this year, as well as the A and B basketball league.





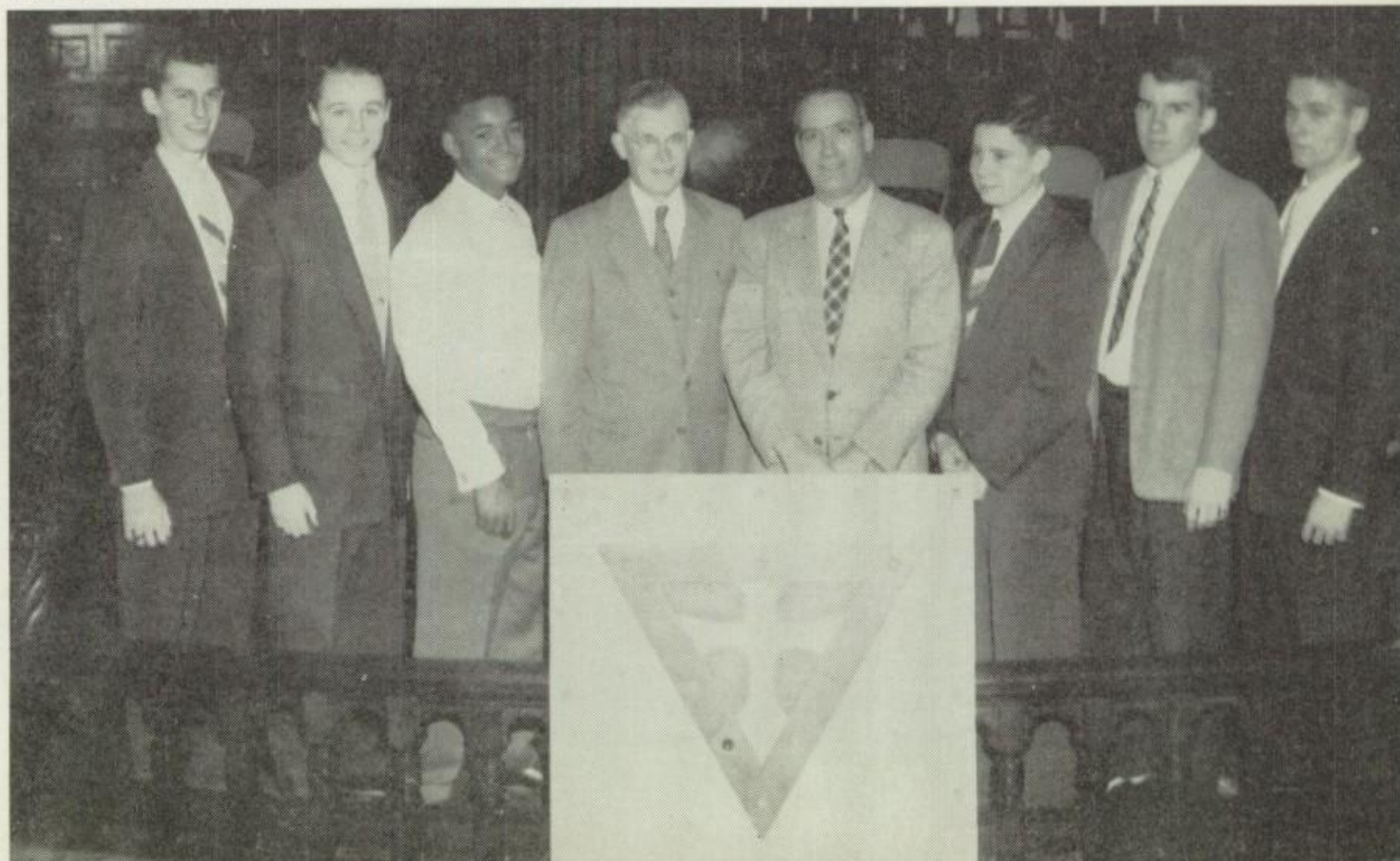
Hilltop Ceremony

The last Hi-Y meeting of the year takes place atop one of the hills in Armco Park. After a short talk by a local minister, as dusk begins to fall, the impressive torch ceremony is carried out. Each past club president passes the flaming torch to his successor for the new year, admonishing him to keep up the high standards of the Hi-Y Club.

Hi-Y Induction

The new members were inducted into the Hi-Y fellowship during December at the First Methodist Church. Reverend Jerome C. Schulz presented the message to the incoming candidates this year. The club presidents then proposed a challenge to the inductees to follow the Hi-Y platform of clean sportsmanship, clean speech, clean scholarship, and clean living. After the new members had pledged their allegiance to the Hi-Y creed, they were presented with the Hi-Y pin and membership card.

Jack McLaughlin, Don Keffer, Art Baker, Reverend Jerome Schulz, Harry ter Braak, Bill Denis, Pat Palmer, Bob Pummill.



C A B I N E T



1st Row — Becky Roof, Joan Morris, Rosa Jane Cusano, Patsy Jo Gilley, Carole Ferguson, Ann Downing, Janice James.
2nd Row — Judy Stalls, Karen Levey, Janet Sue Carr, Margaret Turner, Barbara Graff, Phyllis Barker.
Absent — Peggy Mann.

The Y-Teens are composed of seven triangles — Gamma, Iota, Rho, Lamda, Sigma, Epsilon, and Omega. In October at a retreat at Camp Miami, sponsored by the Y-Teen Council, the Cabinet, made up of the seven presidents and program chairmen, planned the program of events for the year. Also attending the camp were the adult leaders, who supervise each group — Delores Revelos, Jackie Lester, Wilma Gade, Pat Gade, Pat Lewis, Pat Navarro, and Ella Watkins. On the first Thursday in December, 112 girls were initiated in a very impressive candlelight service. Each senior was then given a Little Sis, a sophomore or new student at MHS this year, with whom she corresponded

anonymously until the latter part of April. At that time the Big - Little Sis Party was held and the secret identities were revealed. Service-minded Y-Teen girls assist the community by working at the Gift Nook at Middletown Hospital each weekend and by participating in drives for polio, muscular dystrophy, cancer, crippled children, and for the benefit of Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and other worthwhile causes. Each triangle also sends baskets of food at Thanksgiving and Easter to needy families. At the end of the year, the triangle with the best service record receives a plaque with the name of the winner engraved upon it.

Y - T E E N S





Clockwise — Patsy Jo Gilley, Brenda Siegfried, Ann Downing, Carole Ferguson, Marilyn Gray, Sandra Lee, Nancy Purvis, Nancy Kilburn, Rosa Jane Cusano, Joan Morris, Peggy Mann, Barbara Graff, Janet Sue Carr, Karen Sue Levey, Shelby Velte, Sara Strodtbeck, Phyllis Barker, Becky Roof, Margaret Turner, Janice James, Pat Cogan.

Y-Teen Style Show

"A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody." This, the theme of the style show presented in February for all Y-Teen girls, was easily proved. The production was directed, written, and produced by Y-Teen girls. The "almost professional" models were also girls from the different triangles. The clothes, illustrating new styles and trends in fashion for the coming season, were furnished by the John Ross Store. Among the assortment

of outfits shown were shorts, sportswear, suits, coats, and formals. An added attraction for the show was a display of suits and dresses modeled by the talented seamstresses who had made them. Between acts musical selections pertaining to fashion and a dance were featured. The show carried out a part of the theme of this year's programs, "Adventures in Y-Teens," by presenting an adventure in charm.



1st Row — Mary Ann Blackmore, Connie Brown, Marisue Boyle, Marjorie Hon, Claire Crowley, Pat Weaver, Doris Phillips, Rosa Jane Cusano, Jill Hammond, Anne Foutz.

2nd Row — Norma Jean Fox, Sherry Shane, Judy Hagan, Carolyn Jones, Beverly Shetter, Joan Morris, Janet Carr, Peggy Mann, Patsy Jo Gilley, Bernice Levy, Lillian Jacobs, Nancy Keezer, Nancy Swigart, Christine Bugitzedes, Becky Roof, Ann Downing, Connie Stalls, Julia Smith.



1st Row — Vic Fraley, Glenna Back, Mary Ann Blackmore, JoAnnette Perry, Deanna Lambert, Dianne Ashcraft, Judy Bundren, Thelma Moore, Ken Fraley, Frank Capozzi.

2nd Row — Fred Tyson, Harold Faries, Jim Ralston, Jim White, George Howard, Jim Butch, Ross Finkleman, Donna Hawkins, Jon Hoffman, David Hoffman.

3rd Row — Bert Sheard, Harold Conrad, Tom Wiley, Dick Wendt, Ronnie Hardeman, Larry Brewer, Jack McLaughlin, Dick Mehl, Harvey Weinstein, Grover Banks.

Band

Middletown's band must have a triple personality. Besides providing an excellent marching band, they must switch at the end of football season and become a concert band and also perform as basketball band. The marching band presents a pre-game and a half-time show at each football game. Sponsored by the Band Parents Association, they also performed at each of the away games. This group also plays at all Hamilton-Middletown basketball games and at Commencement, the final performance for thirty-three seniors. The concert band rehearses sixth period every day. Besides playing for assemblies here at school, they have given three concerts, in February and May a concert with the orchestra, and in March an all-band concert. Playing in the regular basketball band is on a voluntary basis. Band members are chosen according to their ability and willingness to play. This band performs at all basketball games and pep rallies.



BAND

1st Row — Sandra Koeppel, Eleanor Moon, Marilyn Edwards, Shirley Johnson, Phyllis Edwards, Lee Fern Johnson, Carol Sue Jones, Nancy Pence, Janice Graham, Janice Johnson, Martha Ramsdell.
 2nd Row — Jack Shockey, Billy Warfield, Becky Koeppel, Winford Lawson, Margaret Ann Ruth, Marilyn Holmes, Gwen Stamper, Bill Tatro, Glenn Collins, Barbara Calhoun, Leslie Slye.
 3rd Row — Jack Rivers, Bob Tindall, Ronnie Lowe, Oliver Wallace, Phil Sams, Leonard Lawson, Ronnie McKenzie, Mike McLaughlin, Janice James, Ken Crawford, Spencer Duffey.

1st Row — Sharon Smith, Janet Carr, Joan Morris, Marisue Boyle, Carencay Coker, Nancy Kincaid.
 2nd Row — Fred Miller, Dick Thompson, Ronnie Wood, Don Domineck, Marvin Barker, Ronnie Goodwin, Dan Hurston.





Kneeling — Phyllis McKenzie.

Standing — Wilma Blanton, Corky O'Friel, Judy Burgess, Donna Emrick, Dale Shockey, Dixie Baker, Judy Hoppe, Darlene Calia, Betty Brandenburg.

Majorettes

The high-stepping girls in front of the band add color and dash to their maneuvers. There were ten majorettes this year, and since the band only used eight for the average show, the girls took turns marching. Their many clever and snappy routines won for them great applause during marching season.

Band Council

The Band Council is the guiding power behind the band as an organization. Besides the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the band, it consists of representatives from each of the classes, the librarian, student director, band manager, and a special representative of the majorettes and color-guards. The Band Council plans the extra activities of the band and acts as head committee on money-raising projects.



Sitting — Jack McLaughlin, president; Peggy Mann, secretary.

Standing — Mr. Joe Franklin, Ken Crawford, treasurer; Jim Butch, vice-president.



1st Row — Anne Foutz, concert mistress; Maryanne Weikel, Cynthia Howald, David Hoffman, Jon Hoffman, Jim Ralston, Bill Tatro, Eleanor Moon, Marilyn Edwards, Ken Crawford, Phyllis Edwards, Janice James.

2nd Row — Kay Springer, Martha Ramsdell, Bert Sheard, Larry Brewer, Fred Miller, Margaret Ann Ruth, Ronnie Lowe, Leslie Slye, Winford Lawson, Fred Tyson, Mary Ann Blackmore, Ron Hardeman.

3rd Row — Trent Bobbitt, Ronald Chrisman.

The tired group dragging in at 7:30 a.m. every Friday morning is the orchestra. This twenty-five piece group performs at many different school functions. Although their most important performance is the operetta, they are also heard at each of the class plays and at Baccalaureate. They performed with the band in two concerts and gave assemblies at the junior highs and at MHS.

Orchestra

The Triple Trio is perhaps the most widely traveled group at MHS. On big occasions, they wear pastel formals. Their schedule is always full, but at Christmas it is packed, as many organizations call on them for programs. They also performed at the annual Spring Festival. This year, in their greatest thrill, the girls received a superior rating at the district contest at Miami on March 12, which gave them the right to compete in the state contest at Columbus.

Triple Trio



Eleanor Moon, Linda Hagan, Karen Levey, Nancy Purvis, Helen Cassidy, Pat Weaver, Cecilia Gonzalez, Donna Bellamy, Marilyn Edwards, Connie Stalls.



1st Row — Barbara Banzhaf, Judy Mize, Lucille Brandenburg, Bonnie Crosthwaite, Sandy Minor, Joan Morris, Miss Helen Weinberger, Eleanor Moon, Carol McQuinn, Carol Galloway, Sherry Shane, Glenna Davidson, Jeanette Lattimore.

2nd Row — Judy Greer, Florence Robinson, Mary Hilton, Rose Robinson, Polly Reinartz, Pat Weaver, Mona Egelston, Charlotte Kern, Nancy Purvis, Beverly Figgins, Joann Blevins, Sue George.

3rd Row — Karen Levey, Phyllis Moore, Elaine Bishop, Caroline Griggs, Cecilia Gonzalez, Karen Good, Becky Roof, Sharon Smith, Thelma Tutt, Carolyn Gibbons, Arlene Frey, Joyce Ingram.

4th Row — Mary Etta Stevens, Joyce Hatton, Marilyn Gray, Helen Cassidy, Donna Bellamy, Carol Mann, Beverly Warfield, Zelma Kah, Barbara Bowling, Bill Thompson, Phillip Gregory.

5th Row — Jim Adams, Tom Lewis, Jerry Davis, Isaiah Williams, Betty Williams, Shirley Howard, Bob Jones, Dave Howard, Howard Johnson, Bob Patton, Mike Lawson.

6th Row — Dick White, Wesley Jones, Dick Crawford, Dean Fordyce, Bill Cole, Glenn Hall, Art Baker, Ron Hardeman, Benny Kramer, John Buehl, Glen Roebuck.

Mixed Chorus

The largest singing group at MHS is the Mixed Chorus. This group can be heard practicing every morning first and second periods. This year the chorus was presented with one hundred new choir robes — purple with white stoles. Among the performances this year were those for the Presbyterian Church, a Christmas program for the Women's Association and for the Brotherhood Week services. They sang for the Rotary Club in their annual Christmas program and gave their yearly assemblies at Roosevelt and McKinley. Another annual event was the Spring Festival, a free concert given by the Mixed Chorus, Girls' Glee Club, and Triple Trio, which was presented this year on April 15th. They also sing at Baccalaureate every year. Among their favorite performance numbers were "The King and I," "Ave Maria," and "Odelita." Many of the operetta leads and most of the choruses are chosen from the Mixed Chorus.



1954 Operetta

Can-can girls, ambassadors, and fancy Paris parties invaded MHS when the vocal department presented "The Merry Widow" on Tuesday, March 23, 1954. This three-act Viennese operetta was written by Franz Lehar and was under the direction of Miss Helen Weinberger.

The plot centers around the life of Sonia (Shirley Armitage), a pretty young widow, who resides in Paris and is heiress to twenty million francs. Popoff (Luke Sickle), the ambassador from Sonia's native Marsovia, aided by Nish (John Buehl), a legation messenger, tries to arrange for Sonia to marry Prince Danilo (Ken Blount) in order that her millions may be kept in Marsovia. After the usual lovers' quarrels

and reconciliations, the pair decide to accept each other.

Popoff's wife, Natalie, was played by Marilyn Edwards while Bill Cole took the part of Camille de Jolidon. Harvey Weinstein played Marquis Cascada and Kenny Helfman portrayed St. Brioche. M. Khadja, counselor of the legation, and his wife were played by Mack Maffett and Joan Smith, respectively. Ronnie Egelston and Peg Daly portrayed General Nova Kovich and his wife. Other supporting cast members were Tom Reed as Little Willie, and Larry Conarro as the headwaiter. Besides the choruses, there were eight girls who played showgirls at Maxim's, a fashionable Paris nightclub.





Senior Class Play

"The Barretts of Wimpole Street" by Rudolph Beiser was presented by the senior class under the direction of Miss Florence Powell. The story is that of a domineering father (Robert Griswold) who dictates to his children so much that most of them are frightened at the sound of his footsteps. He forces his daughter Elizabeth (Becky Roof) to believe that she is an incurable invalid and refuses to let any of them marry. Elizabeth falls in love with the poet, Robert Browning (Dale Shockey), and soon finds herself in good health. Dr. Chambers (Jack McLaughlin) and Dr. Ford-Waterlow (Bert Sheard) urge her to go to Italy. "Ba" de-

cides to marry Browning and go to Italy with him. Arabel (Deanna Lambert) is under her father's domineering power and tries to persuade "Ba" not to marry Browning, but she does and sneaks away with the help of Wilson, the maid (Janet Carr). Henrietta (Peggy Mann) is in love with Captain S. Cook (John Buehl) and is not afraid to tell her father so. Octavius (Jim Butch) also is not afraid of Barrett. The other brothers were played by Darrell Burdge, Don Keffer, Dick King, Bob Jones and Jack Rivers. Bella, a cousin (Marisue Boyle), and her fiancé, Mr. Bevan (Pat Conrad), add a touch of lightness to the play.





Junior Class Play

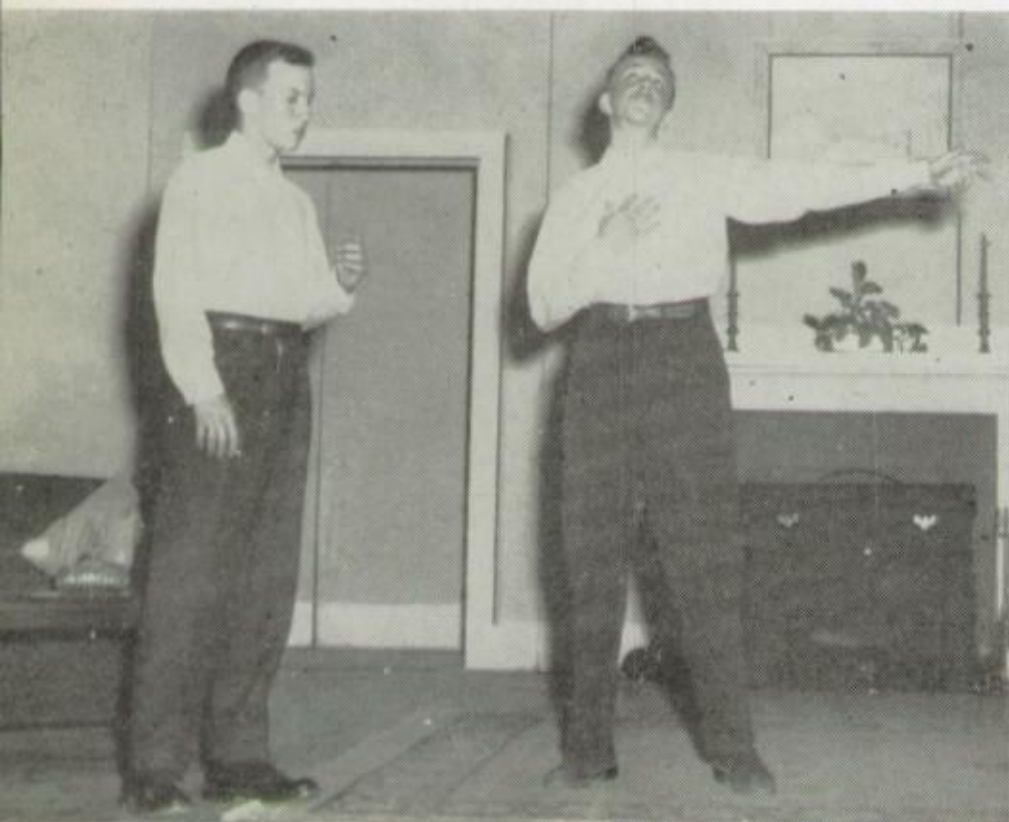
"Time Out for Ginger" by Ronald Alexander was a big hit as the junior class play. Ginger (Lonnie Bladel), a vivacious, redheaded, fourteen-year old, is greatly disappointed because she is not a boy, but she tries to make up for that by her tomboyish activities. Her sisters, Joan (Karen Levey) and Jeannie (Jean Reeves), are ardent supporters of a campaign against gym for girls. To add the final drop to the whole trouble, Mr. Carol (Ronald Finkleman) has just made a speech in the school assembly in which he mentioned that he believed nobody should be forced to do anything he didn't want to do. Joan and Jean seize upon his remarks as the greatest blow against gym for girls. Ginger promptly makes the football team. While Mrs. Carol (Carenca Coker) tries to keep her house-

hold on its feet and Lizzie (Linda Hagan) the maid, spoils Ginger, Mr. Carol is attacked by Mr. Wilson (Bob Brumfield), the school principal, and Ed Hoffman (Bob Cole), his boss. Tommy Green (Jack Taylor), Ginger's boyfriend, a studious fellow who likes his females *female*, tells Ginger he can't hamper her freedom of choice, but he can quit dating her — which he proceeds to do. Joan comforts her boyfriend, Eddie Davis (Tom McIntyre), who used to be the school's athletic hero before the discovery of Ginger. Finally, after having won a football game, having her picture on the cover of "Life," and being called "Son!" by her father in one of his enthusiastic moments, a confused Ginger blossoms out as a very beautiful . . . *feminine* . . . teen-age girl.





1954 Sophomore Class Play



"Moonlight for Herbert," the clever three-act comedy by Dana Thomas, was presented by the sophomore class of MHS on May 11 under the direction of Mrs. Arlene Akerman.

Mrs. Rains (Sara Strodbeck) had visions of making her son, Herbert (Jack Taylor), a concert pianist and arranged with Miss Hepplewhite, his teacher (Jean Reeves), to have the famous music critic, Felix Heidler (Ronald Agronin), hear him perform. At this time Herbert, with his friend, Vincent Farnsworth (Bob Hudson), was more interested in making a float for the Chamber of Commerce Parade.

On the day that Herbert was supposed to play for the critic, he and Vincent marched into the house carrying a long plank, and almost hit Mrs. Ellington Lewis (Miriam Rautio), an aristocratic music patroness. Herbert fell down the basement stairs and smashed his fingers, ending his musical career. Jean Bressart (Carenca Coker), better known as "Moonlight," became the apple of Herbert's eye and consented to ride on his float in the parade.

The float, which was a poorly constructed replica of the school building, practically fell apart before the parade was over. Mr. Tierney (Bill Walker), who built the school, protested to Mr. Rains (Bob Brumfield) and Mr. Farnsworth (Bill Cole), because he claimed that it was a reflection on his contracting. Julia Arnold (Karen Levey), the town's leading realtor, proved that Tierney had used inferior products. Others in the cast were Beverly (Carol Galloway), the youngest of the Rains family, and Mrs. Tracy (Sandy Minor), a belligerent housewife.



1st Row — Shelby Velte, clerk; Jim Butch, president; Don Keffer, vice-president.

2nd Row — Judy Stalls, treasurer; Peggy Mann, secretary.

"Act well your part; there all the honor lies." This, the motto of the National Thespian Society, Troupe 918, under the direction of Miss Florence Powell, is fulfilled by the talented actors and actresses at MHS. The meetings of this group are held on the second and third Tuesdays of each month. The first, the regular business meeting, is only for initiated Thespians, but the second meeting of the month is a program meeting open to all students, parents, and friends interested in drama.

National Thespian Society

As usual the Thespian Society has been working hard since the first day of school this year. Two initiations were conducted, inducting a total of forty-one new members. Sophomores interested in earning points to become eligible for membership presented the one-act play, "Sauce for the Goslings," at the first ceremony. A cutting from "The Importance of Being Ernest" by Oscar Wilde was performed at the second. Also among the productions for this year were "Balcony Scene" and a cutting from "Abraham Lincoln." According to the tradition that it be given once every three years, "Why the Chimes Rang" was presented by the National Thespian Society at the Christmas assembly.

"Why the Chimes Rang"





Radio

Barbara Bowling
Peggy Mann
Jim Butch
Bert Sheard

Each Sunday afternoon at 6:00 P.M. Middletown High School's radio program, "Middletown Schooldays," is presented by high school students. In the early fall a contest for all those interested in radio announcing was held at radio station WPFB. David Ballard, Nancy Adams, Margaret Ann Ruth, Bob Brumfield, Karen Levey, Harold Conrad, and Janet Sue Carr were chosen by the four veteran announcers, Bert Sheard, Jim Butch, Peggy Mann, Barbara Bowling, and the adviser, Miss Florence Powell, to become "amateur" radio announcers. By presenting programs about activities at MHS, they made the citizens of Middletown better acquainted with high school life. Peggy Mann won first place in the state of Ohio among girl radio announcers.

National Forensic League

Those students who are interested in speech work, are in the the upper two-thirds of their class, and have earned twenty points are eligible for membership in NFL, under the direction of Mrs. John Akerman. Various degrees are given for additional points. Among the programs of the year were a meeting to explain the different aspects of NFL work to new students; a joint Christmas party with the National Thespian Society; and a talk by Charles Brown, a senior at Miami University, explaining speech at college and speech as a profession. At the district tournament held at Ohio Wesleyan University in March, MHS won the sweepstakes trophy. Highlighting the year was an impressive initiation ceremony and dinner held at the Peerless Pantry.

Zelma Kah, recorder; Jean Reeves, secretary; Jack Taylor, corresponding secretary; Shelby Velte, president; Tom Kemp, treasurer; Patsy Jo Gilley, vice-president.



Debate

A Team

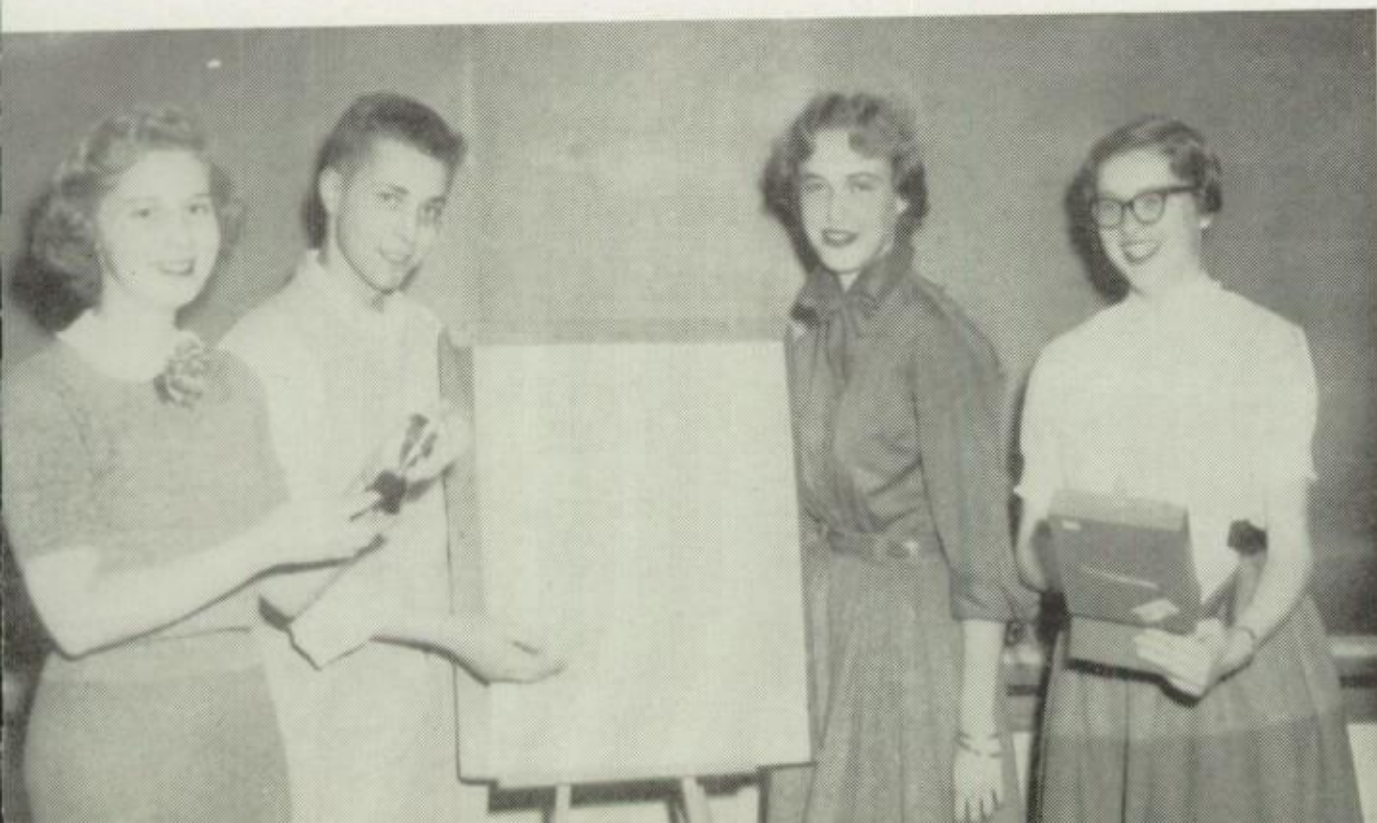
Sitting — Mrs. Arlene Akerman, coach; Shelby Velte.
Standing — Jack Taylor, Don Keffer, Tom Kemp.



Resolved: That the United States should initiate a policy of free trade among nations friendly to the United States.

The Middie debaters got off to a flying start as both the A and B teams took first place at their first practice tournament at Dayton Julianne High School, January 8. Twenty schools participated in a tournament January 22 at which Middletown was host. On January 29 the A debate team traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, where they participated in a tournament held at Cathedral Latin High School. The Ohio High School Speech League Districts were held February 26 at Xavier High School. Middletown was defeated in this tournament by Xavier, but took second place. Delaware Willis High School was the scene of the NFL Western Ohio Finals, March 4 and 5. The debate team came in second in this tournament, which was their last chance to qualify for the national tournament to be held in California in June.

An astonishing record of 40 wins and 14 losses was made by the A team, consisting of Don Keffer and Jack Taylor, affirmative; and Tom Kemp and Shelby Velte, negative. The B team members were Caren cay Coker with David Bessel and Dick Wendt alternating as her partner, affirmative; and Sue George and Peggy Brooks, negative.



B Team

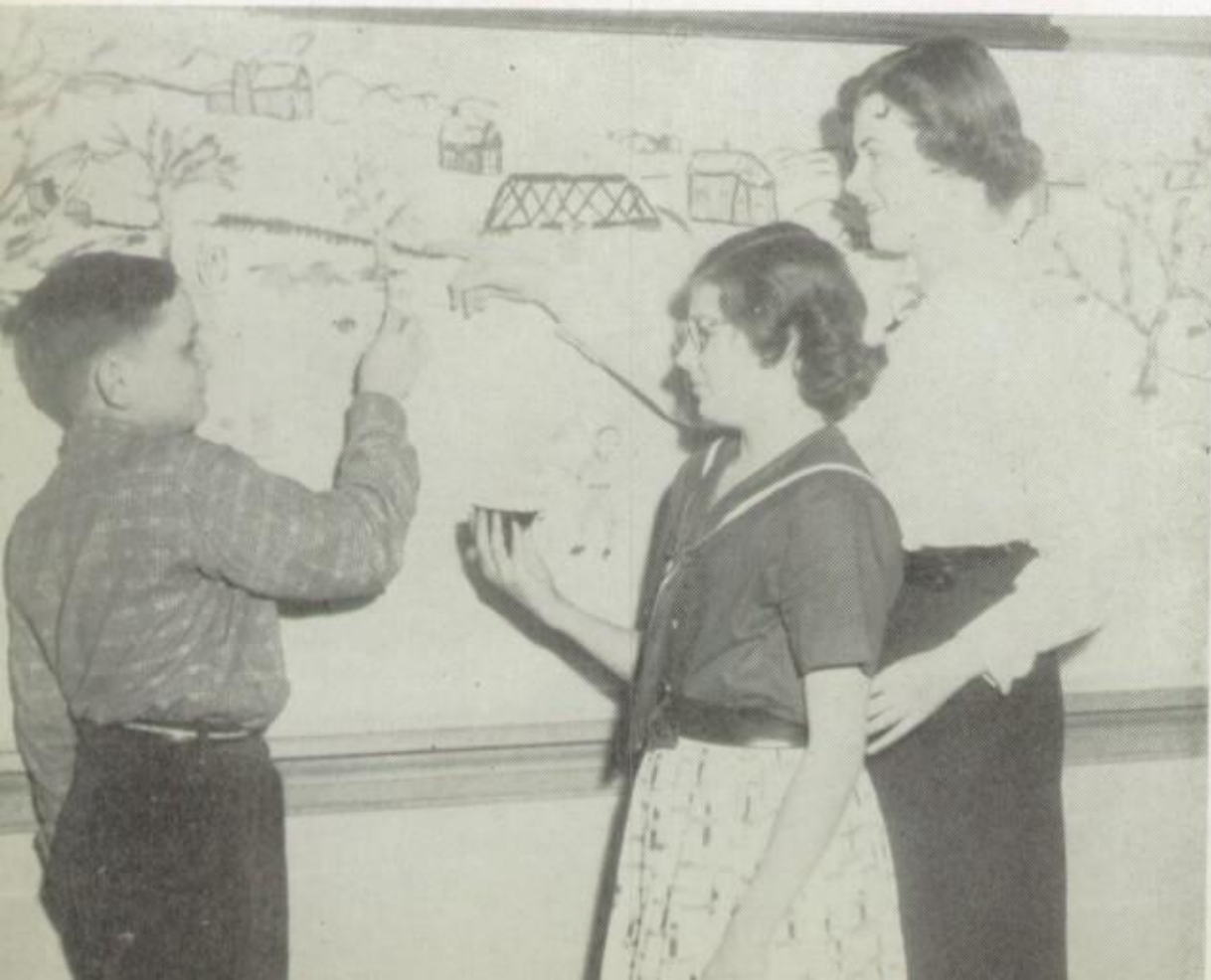
Caren cay Coker
David Bessel
Peggy Brooks
Sue George



Beverly Clark, Barbara Bowling, Sue Ellen Nicklas, Rosa Jane Cusano, Judy Sanders, Arlene Frey, Janet Dawson, Yvonne Lykins, Polly Reinartz, Cynthia Howald.

Future Teachers of America

"Ohio needs teachers!" For this reason the Future Teachers of America was organized. Through the inspiring educational programs of this club, Middletown High School is trying to recruit girls for the teaching career. The fifteen active members are led by Arlene Frey, president; Janet Dawson, vice-president; Yvonne Lykins, secretary; Polly Reinartz, treasurer; and is under the guidance of Mrs. Ethel Rammel. At their meetings, held on the third Thursday of each month, programs on college guidance and teacher training, as well as explanations of the various jobs included in the teaching profession, were presented. According to FTA members, "We should have a teacher career week every week."



Dave Stoops, Delores Wade, Sue Ellen Nicklas.

Sue Ellen is getting some first-hand experience in teaching Mrs. Zelma Kah's sixth grade class. Members of FTA often visit kindergartens and grade school classes during the year to do "practice" teaching.

Student nurses at Middletown Hospital invited the junior and senior members of Nightingale Club to spend the night at Verity Hall, the nurses' home. There were two such overnight trips this year. The next morning, along with girls from future nursing clubs in other cities, they were taken on a tour of the hospital.



Joyce Ingram, vice-president; Ann Snethen, secretary; Pat Cogan, president; Janice Margerum, student nurse; LaVonne Fugett, student nurse; Jacqueline Rice, treasurer; Louann Merrick, secretary.

Nightingale Club

The purpose of Nightingale Club is to acquaint girls with nursing so that they may decide whether or not to follow this profession as a career. Advised by Miss Helen Hartman and Miss Nancy Zerung, R.N., membership is open to sophomore, junior, and senior girls. If they find that their interest lies elsewhere, they may discontinue membership. Films, demonstrations, and speakers on different phases of nursing were among various programs presented. Members also attended teas, and visited hospitals and other Future Nurse Clubs.

On January 22 the first initiation of Nightingale Club was held. Both old and new members participated. At the impressive candlelight ceremony, which was presented by the Women's Auxiliary, each girl was given a Future Nurse's pin and was "capped" after she had lighted her candle from the Florence Nightingale Lamp. The national song was sung and the Florence Nightingale Promise was repeated by the group. Reverend Russell Galloway spoke on the value and rewards of nursing. Miss Anne Middlemiss, Director of Nursing at Middletown Hospital, and Miss Nancy Zerung, R. N. were in charge of the capping ceremony.

Miss Middlemiss, Margot Williams, Becky Raker, Marilyn Gray, Gladys Sankey, Shirley Branch, Miss Nancy Zerung.





Lois Ebel, secretary; Jack Taylor, president;
Connie Stalls, vice-president; John Day,
treasurer.

Junior Literary Club

The purpose of Junior Literary Club is to promote the development of literary skills. All interested students of the junior class are eligible for membership. At the beginning of the year officers are elected and committees chosen. The co-chairmen of the program committee for bi-weekly meetings make plans. Examples of programs held during this year were a history of the Nobel Prize; a reading on the Nativity by Miss Niederlander from the Public Library; and the showing of the film, "The Good Earth." One of the lighter activities of the group was a square dance held in the old gym on March 22. The members of Junior Literary Club made money for their activities by selling tickets for the Alumni Basketball Game.

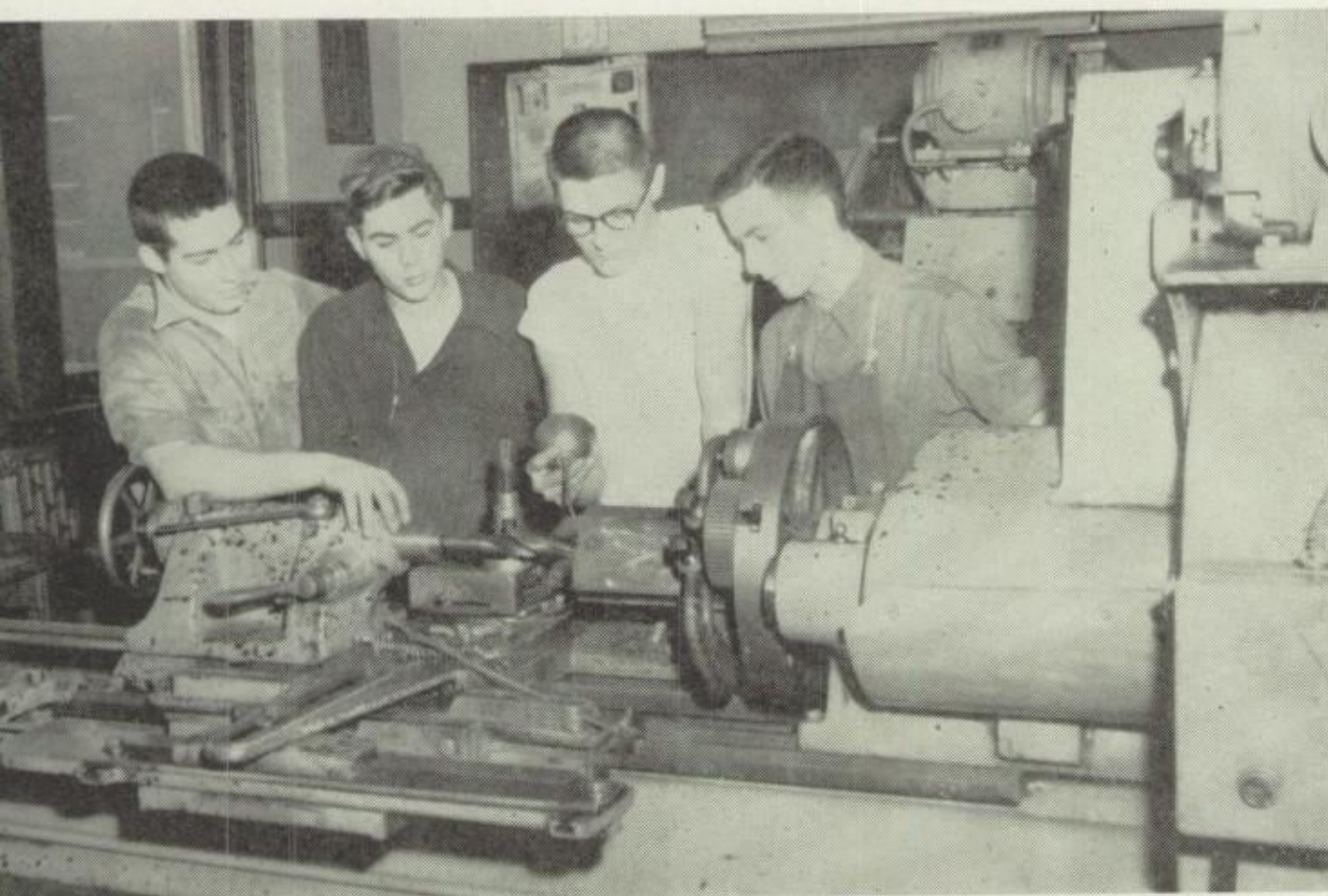
Chess Club

The chess club met on the first Monday of every month in Room 105 under the direction of Mr. Edward Malcom. The officers were Don Taylor, president; David Bessel, vice-president; Glenn Yoder, secretary; Gene Howard, treasurer; and Chuck Winkelman, sergeant-at-arms.

A bumper system was used this year. Each person drew for a position, which was numbered. If he were below the number one position, he could challenge anyone else above him. The person who had been challenged had to accept unless he had already played three challenges in that month. If the challenger won, he traded places with the challenged person. A person had to challenge someone at least once during a month. At the end of the year a tournament was held, at which Don Squires was the winner.

Eugene Howard Tom Daly Don Taylor





Fred Robinson, vice-president; Bill Brown, treasurer; Roderick Adams, president; Earl Bailey, secretary.

Vocational Industrial Club

The Vocational Industrial Club meets on Friday afternoons during the class period under the leadership of Mr. William Baldrige. Better organization within the shop and the creation of a connection between business and industry are the general purposes of V. I. C. The boys made trips to the following places: Shartle Bros. Machine Company, Aeronca, Zee Tool Company, Crystal Tissue, and Cincinnati Milling Machine Company. Both school and civic maintenance work help to satisfy their main interests of repairing and rebuilding. A Christmas party and a spring banquet were highlights on their 1954-1955 activity list.

Chemistry Club

The Chemistry Club was again organized this year under the supervision of Mr. Harold Draut. The object of the club was to give students who were particularly interested in chemistry a chance to become better acquainted with its practical applications. Meeting on the third Thursday of each month, the students were presented with various programs, each arranged by a separate committee. An interesting presentation concerning chemistry in photography was one of the worthwhile projects, and a trip through the Research Building of the Armco Steel Corporation highlighted the year's program.

John Carmody, Barbara Bowling, Dave Smith, Eric Barnes, Susan Bell.





Kneeling
Bruce Hall
Scotty Ricketts
Carl Doan
Dave Parker
Larry Planck
Bob Long

Standing
C. N. Gingerich
Bob Kruse
Richard Griffis
Ken Hammond
Allan Alexander
Betty Farthing
Sherrine Hargett
Marilyn Haskins
Nancy Neville
Tom Murphy
Bill Becker
Dick Alexander
Tom George

Missing
Phyllis Hall
Ealeta Jo Brown
Dave Moyer
Mike McClure

Distributive Education Clubs of America

To sell the American competitive system, especially in the distribution of the world's goods and services, is the purpose of D.E.C.A. These seniors are willing to take a job selling or performing a service. The requirements are a minimum of fifteen hours a week on the job during the school year, good scholastic record, and character references.

Officers for this club are Dick Alexander, president; Sherrine Hargett, vice-president; Allan Alexander, secretary; and Betty Farthing, treasurer. Under the guidance of Mr. Clarence Gingerich, they have undertaken various projects throughout the year, such as publishing brochures for the basketball games and working with the Hamilton D. E. C. A. in the selling of basketball programs at the Cincinnati Gardens. At the state convention in Columbus, Mike McClure was elected regional vice-president and placed second in the speech contest. An appreciation banquet in honor of the merchants was given by the group at LeSourdsville Lake in May.

Scotty Ricketts

Sherrine Hargett
Phyllis Hall
Betty Farthing





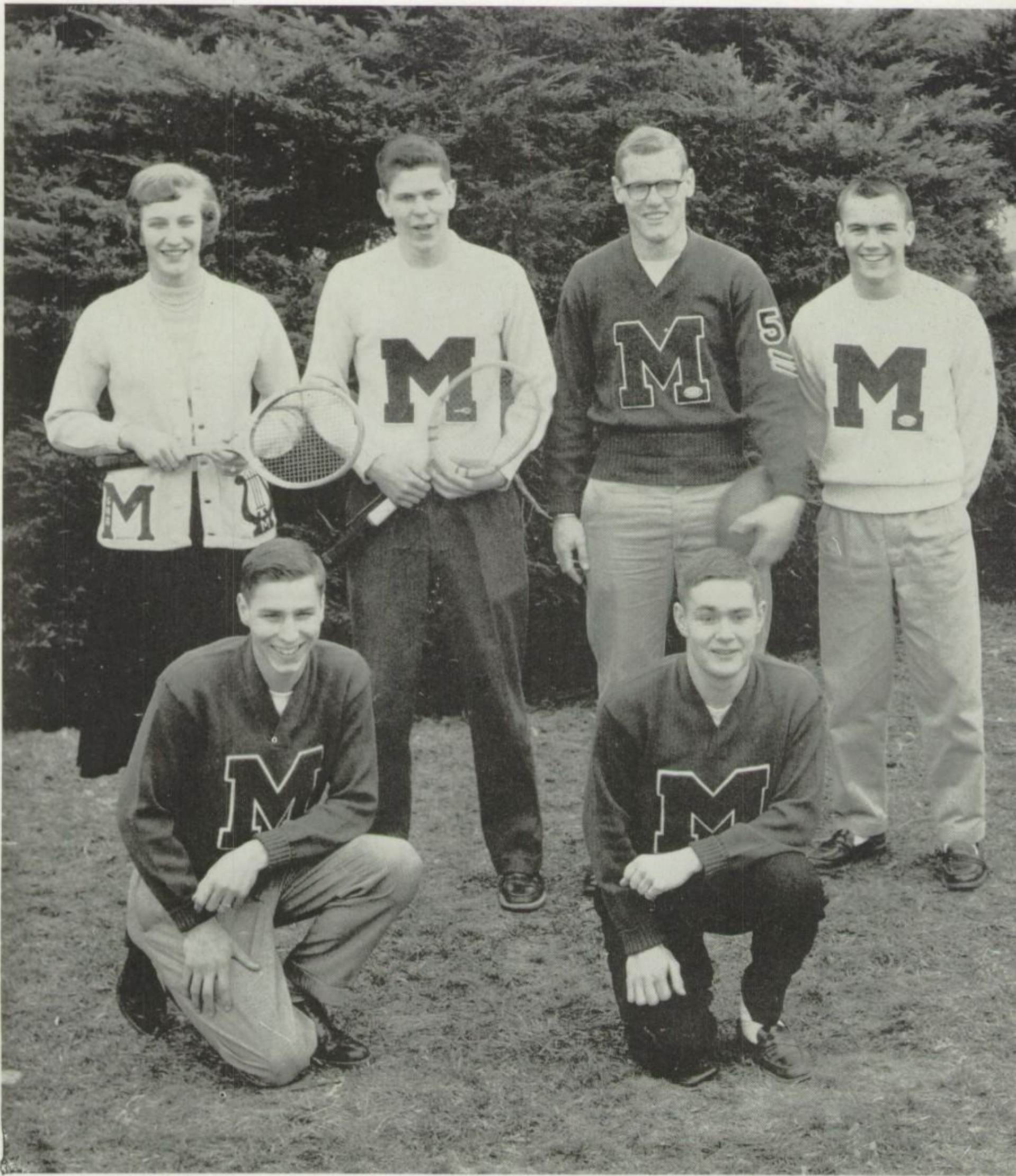
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 2nd Row — Lelia Craft, Charlotte Wilson, Helen Todd, Elaine Burgher, Wanda Hume.
 3rd Row — Cay Yoder, Vivian Hampton, Carol Souers, Ivadelle Hart.

Business Cadet Club

This club represents the students in the Cooperative School and Industrial Program. It is the sixth year for such a program at MHS. There are twenty-eight students working in industry and ten students in the Elementary School offices, making a total of thirty-eight co-op students under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth McDermott, Business Co-ordinator. The officers of the club are June Lawson, president; and Mary Denny, secretary.

The following students are employed in various offices in the city: Marilyn Aldridge, Armco Steel Corporation; Phyllis Ballinger, Girl Scout Office; Patsy Brown, Middletown Lumber Company; Elaine Burgher, Armco Steel Corporation; Myrtle Cottongim, The John Ross Store; Lelia Craft, Miami Cabinet; Mary Denny, Gardner Board & Carton Company; Betty Fisher, Miami Cabinet; Margaret Gaskins, Armco Steel Corporation; Pat Ginter, Civic Association; Vivian Hampton, Barkelew Electric Company; Marjorie Hon, Gardner Board & Carton Company; Carol Horton, Gardner Board & Carton Company; Wanda Hume, First National Bank; Shirley Kelley, The Central Store; June Lawson, Barkelew Electric Company; Barbara McFillen, Y.M.C.A.; Frances Nocero, Rogers Jewelry Store; Carmen Ruble, Armco Steel Corporation; Phyllis Smith, Vincent Sisson, attorney; Gloria Tatro, Gardner Board & Carton Company; Helen Todd, Clayton Lambert Company; Carol Souers, Middletown Hospital; Charlotte Wilson, City Building; Wanda Wolfe, Keay's Appliances; Susan Woodrey, The John Ross Store; and Catherine Yoder, Shartle Brothers Machine Shop.

The following girls are employed in the schools' offices of the city: Norita Bishop, Wilson; Margaret Ann Bush, Sherman; Norma Jean Carter, Booker T. Washington; Janice Foxbower, Central; Ivadelle Hart, Lincoln; Eugenia Kunze, Jefferson; Shirley Slamka, Edison; Cora Sue Stokley, Garfield; Nancy Swigart, Taft; and Joann Johnica, Miss Hartman's office, MHS.



Middie Magic



Molds Mammoth Muscles

ATHLETICS





1st Row — Bill Davidson, John Sorrell, Bob Pummill, Jo-Ed Bechtel, Doug Russell, Bill Cox, Tony Elieff, Bob Womack, Art Baker, Jim Diver.
 2nd Row — Glenn Hall, Dale Wills, Denzil Ratliff, Paul Willis, Jack McClain, Tom Crowe, Bill Ashley, Jo-Io Moore, Gene McCandless, Lowell Dunn.
 3rd Row — Chuck Pieratt, Dick White, Ronnie Pratt, Tom McIntire, Jim Lindsey, Benny Frye, Jim Kidd, Gary Getter, Jim Tipton, Dick Dennis, Junior Snow.
 4th Row — Manager Skip Salome, Line Coach Stan Lewis, Head Coach Glenn Ellison, End Coach Harold Mason, Manager Jim Moorhead, Manager David Velte.

Varsity Football

Sitting — Elmo Lingrel, Athletic Director.

Standing — Stan Lewis, football line coach; Glenn Ellison, head football coach; Harold Mason, football end coach and tennis coach; Bob Kramer, J. V. basketball coach and assistant J. V. football coach; Paul Walker, head basketball coach and J. V. football coach.





Dunbar

The Middies popped off the lid of the 1954 football season with a hard-fought 21-6 win over Dayton Dunbar. The score was no indication of how hard the game was played, however, as the Middies had to give their best to defeat the upset-minded Wolverines. A fumble after an intercepted pass set up the only score for Dunbar early in the second period. They recovered the ball in Middie territory and marched thirty-one yards for the first score of the game. Dunbar's attempted conversion was no good. The Middies bounced back on the kickoff as Fullback Tom Crowe received the ball on the 19 and raced to Dunbar's 35. Halfback Tony Elieff made the touchdown on two running plays and the score at the end of the first half read 7-6. In the third quarter the Middies capitalized on a blocked punt and made the score 14-6. The Middies recovered the punt on the 35 and moved it to the 18, where Bill Davidson hit Denzil Ratliff with a touchdown pass. The Middies scored their final touchdown on a sustained sixty-yard drive in the fourth quarter. Crowe and Elieff did most of the running and Elieff scored from the 1. Denzil Ratliff kicked three points for a perfect night's work.

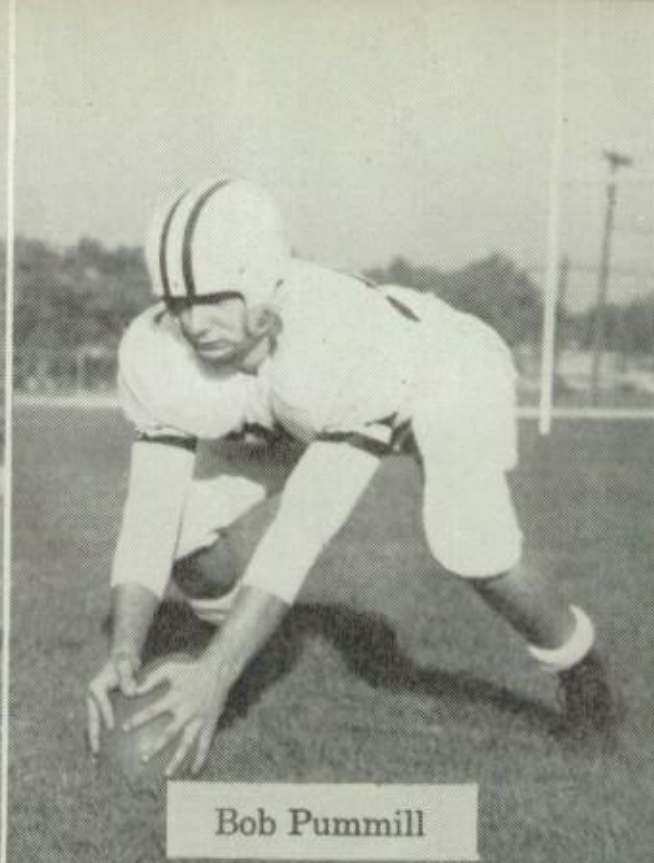




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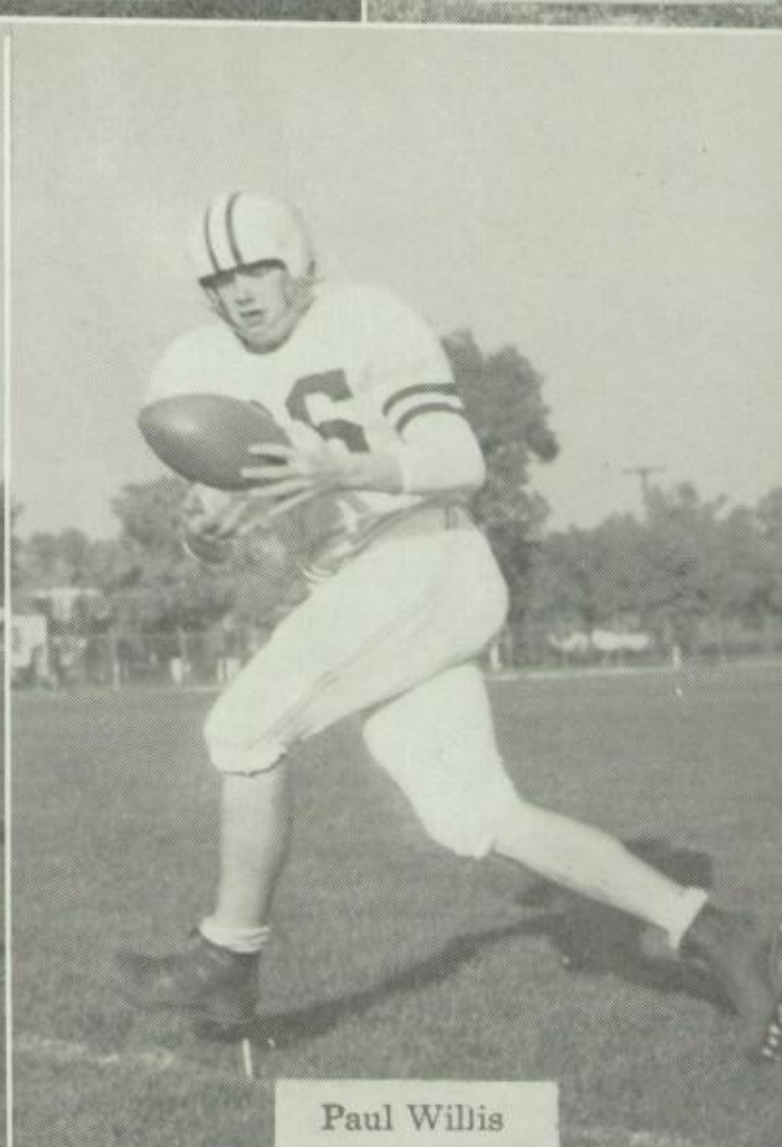
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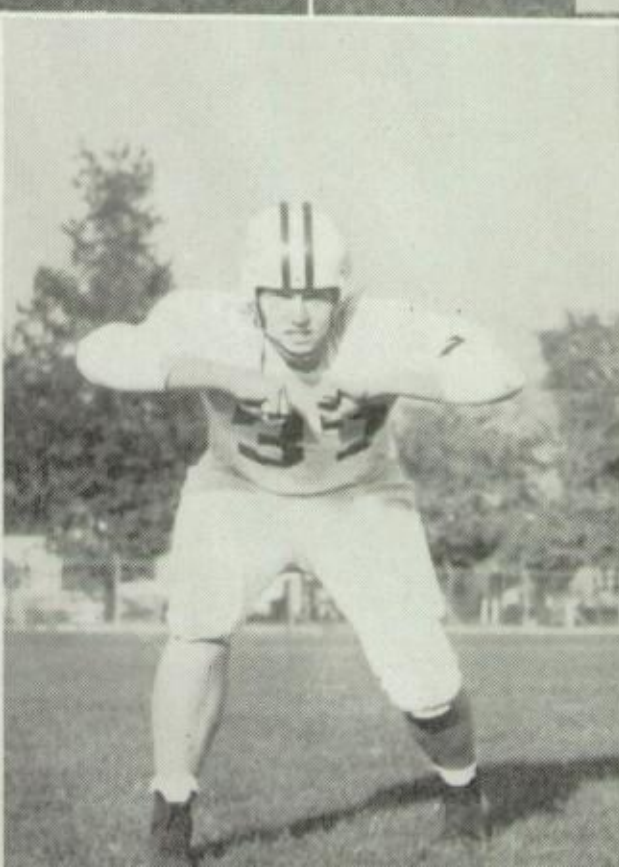
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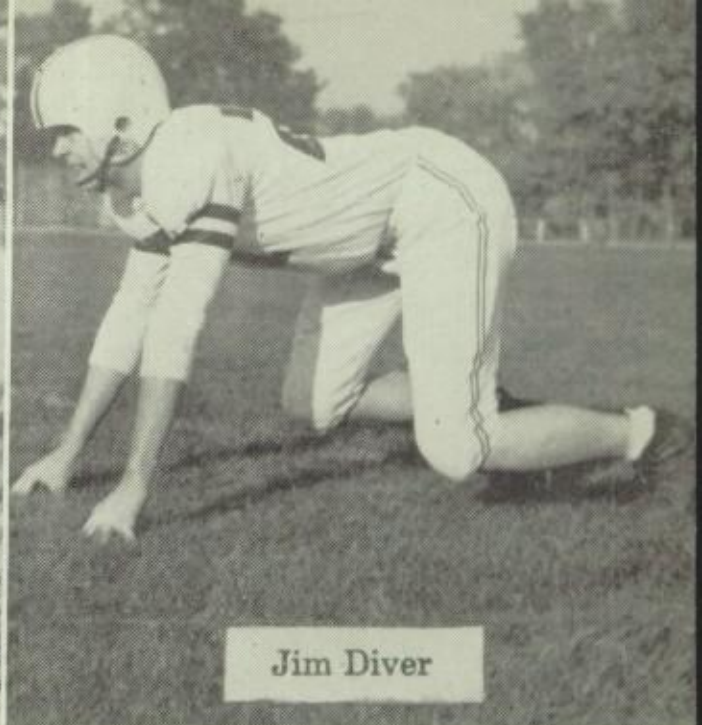
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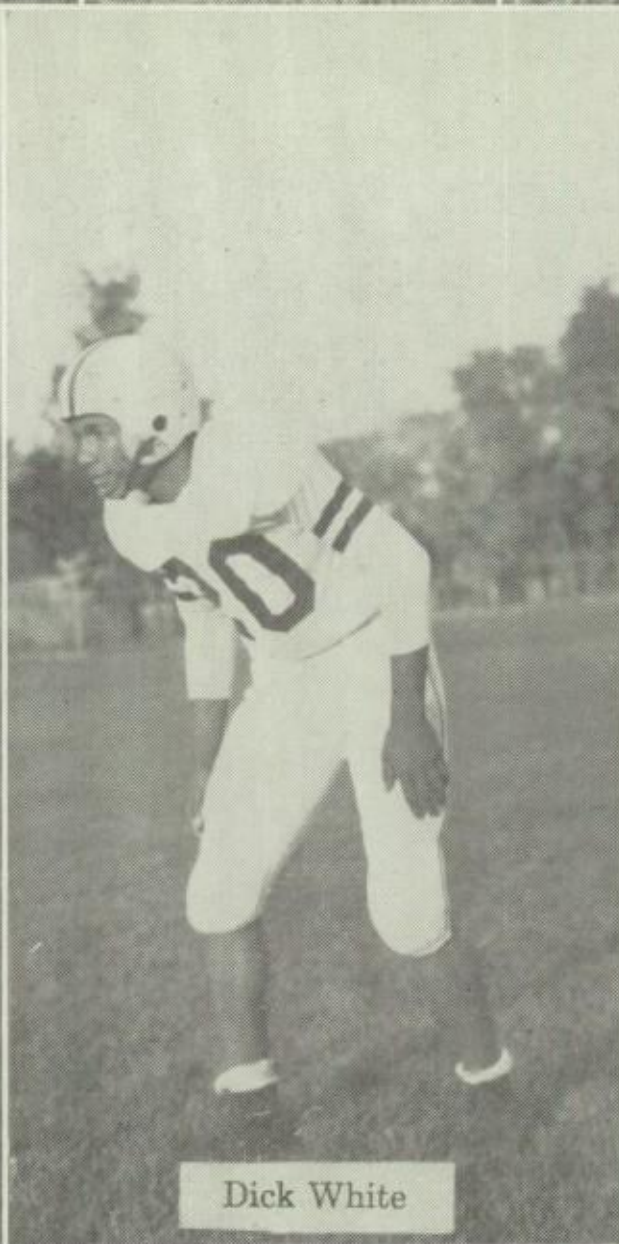
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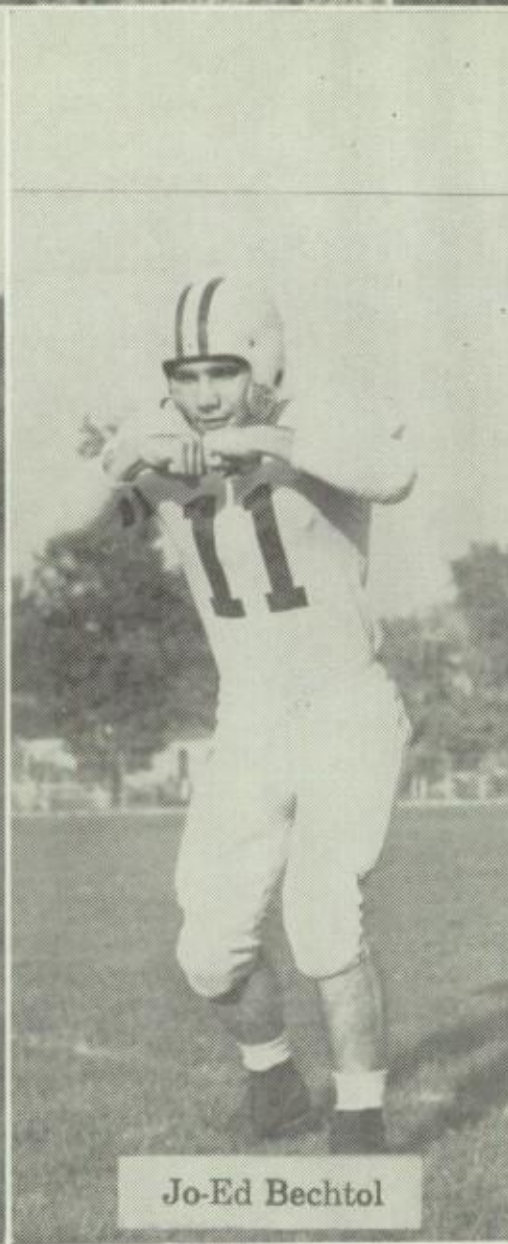
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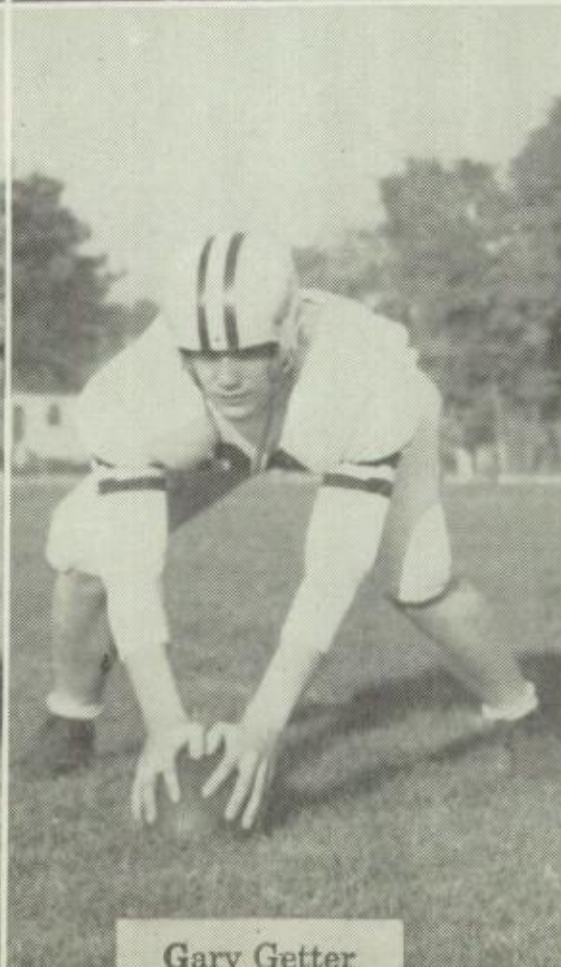
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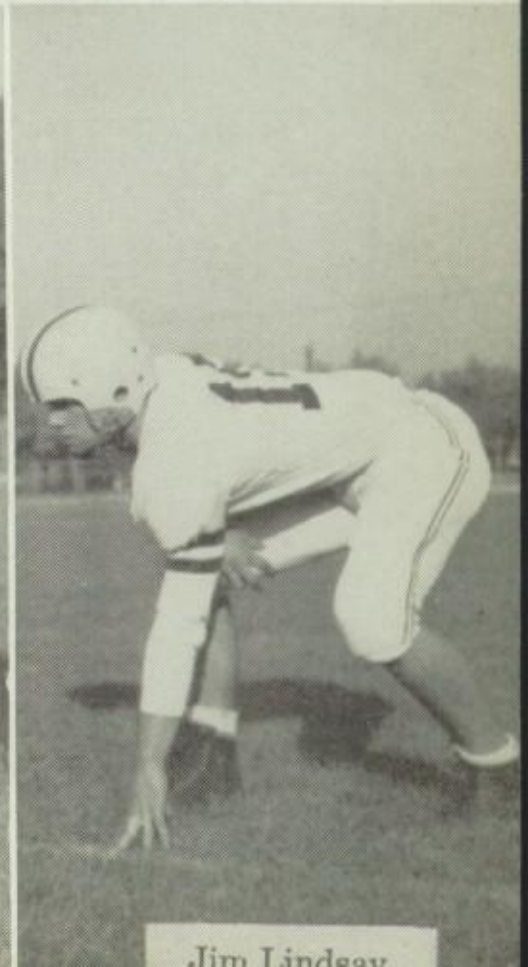
Jo-Jo Moore



Dick Dennis



Gary Getter



Jim Lindsey



Fairmont

The Middies dropped their second game to Dayton Fairmont, 24-21. A tremendous comeback by the Dragons in the fourth quarter cost the Middies a victory. After taking a 15 point lead at half time, the Middies relaxed in the last half and wound up on the short end of the score. The Dragons scored first in the game after an intercepted pass on the 39 yard line. Two running plays set up a touchdown pass to put the Dragons ahead, 6-0. The Middies struck back, however, and Elieff tied the game with a short run through the center. Ratliff's extra point attempt was good, and the Middies moved out front 7-6. In the second quarter the Middies scored twice, making the score 21-6. An end run by Womack and a pass from Davidson to Elieff accounted for twelve points, with Ratliff's toe adding the other two. In the fourth quarter the Dragons took advantage of the tired Middies to score three quick touchdowns. Pass plays of 29, 34, and 45 yards, respectively, resulted in touchdowns for Fairmont.

New Castle

The Purple rolled to their second win of the season with a convincing 23-7 win over New Castle. Numerous fumbles by the Trojans were the deciding factor of the game, however, Davidson's quarterbacking and the running of Womack and Elieff were too much for New Castle. The Middies scored first on a safety as the Trojans fell on a fumble in their own end zone. This put the Middies out front, 2-0. A 20-yard pass set up the Middies' first touchdown as Davidson sneaked over for the score. New Castle fought back and on a sustained march of almost 64 yards scored their lone touchdown. The Middies scored before half time to make the score 16-7. Davidson hit Dick White with a 30-yard pass, and Ratliff's conversion attempt was good. On the first play in the second half, Womack ran 39 yards around end on a terrific play to increase the Middies' lead. Ratliff kicked the extra point and the game ended on that score, 23-7.

Springfield

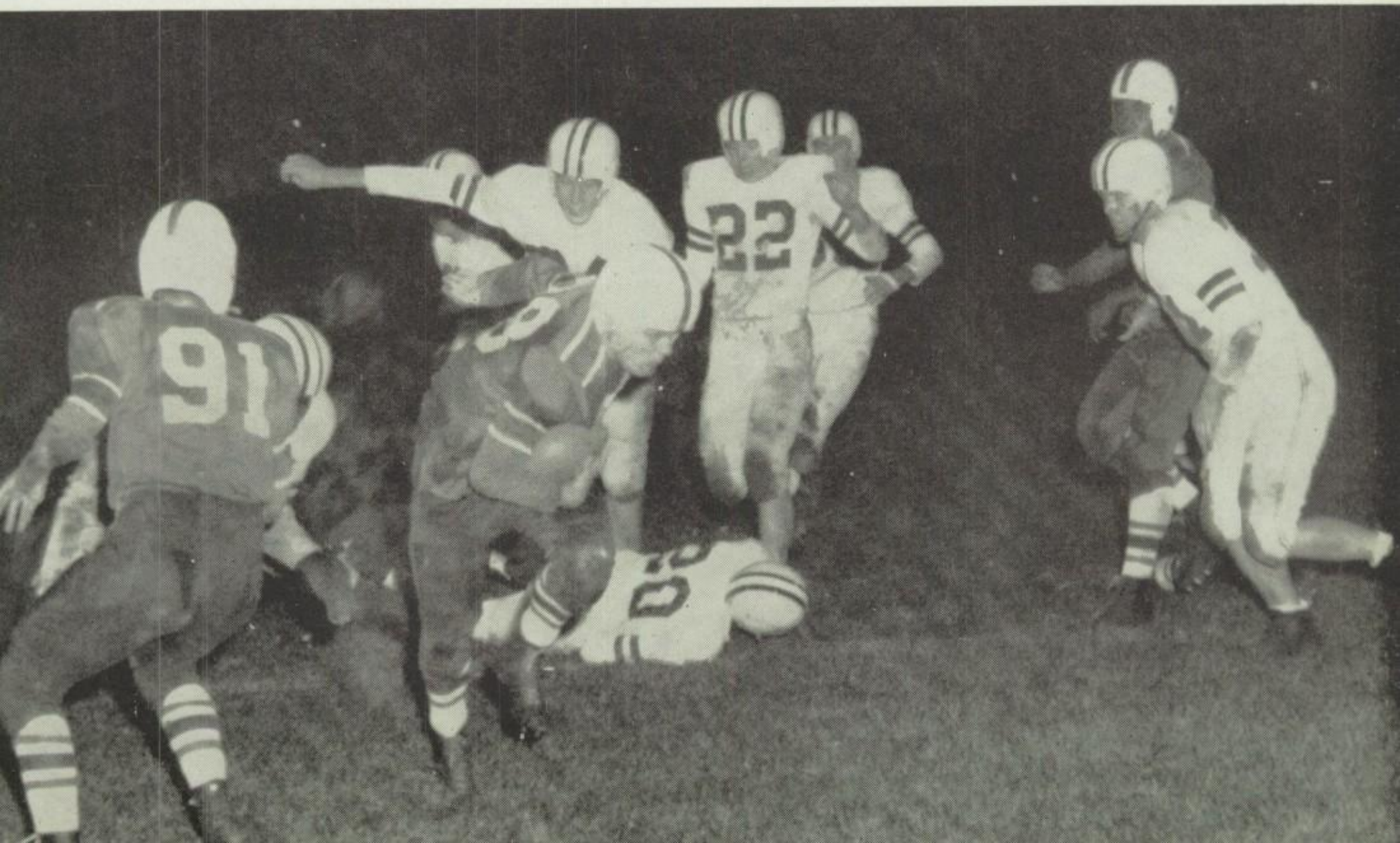
Coach Ellison's crew went down to their second defeat in four games in losing to Springfield, 14-0. The charged-up Middies outplayed their opponents, however, outgaining and outcharging them throughout the game. Middletown let their guard down twice and Springfield scored each time. One touchdown was a beautiful 75 yard punt return, the other a smash through the center which went for 29 yards. The Middies threatened early in the game as they marched to the 4 yard line. Their attack stopped here and never was started again, as Quarterback Bill Davidson was injured and removed from the game. The locals' defense was superb, however, in holding Springfield to 53 yards gained during the game. The defeat was nothing to be ashamed of as Springfield was voted the third best team in the state.

Portsmouth

The Middies suffered their third defeat of the season at the hands of the Portsmouth Trojans. Playing with three-fourths of the regular backfield on the bench due to injuries, the Middies had a hard time getting their offense rolling. Nevertheless, the stubborn Middies were a good match for the Trojans. After Portsmouth pushed across its first marker in the first quarter, Art Baker took the kickoff and raced 84 yards for the tying touchdown. Neither team scored again in the first half, as the clock ran out with the Middies on the Trojans' 1 yard line. In the second half, the Trojans' superior offense began to move. Drives of 89 and 70 yards resulted in two touchdowns for Portsmouth. The Middies fought back with Paul Willis, who played an inspired game both on offense and defense, blocking a Portsmouth punt on the 17 yard line. From here the Middies took the ball over the goal line in four running plays, with Glenn Hall getting the touchdown. This ended the scoring in the game and the Middies came up on the short end of a 20-14 score.

Lima Central

The fourth loss in six games was handed the Middies by Lima Central, 12-0. The Middies, still playing with a makeshift backfield, failed to cross the goal line for their second blanking of the season. After a scoreless first quarter, the Dragons moved 90 yards for their first touchdown. The Middies fumbled on the kickoff but recovered the ball when their defense held. The Ellisonmen moved down the field to Lima's 1 yard line, but lacked the punch to put the ball over. The Dragons took over on downs and the Middies did not threaten again. Late in the third quarter the Dragons marched 84 yards for the clincher. Denzil Ratliff, the Middies' fine kicker, tried a field goal from the 40 yard line, but it was unsuccessful. The Middies played a fine defensive game, but numerous fumbles and mistakes hampered their offense. They lost the ball four times to the alert Dragon defense.



Withrow

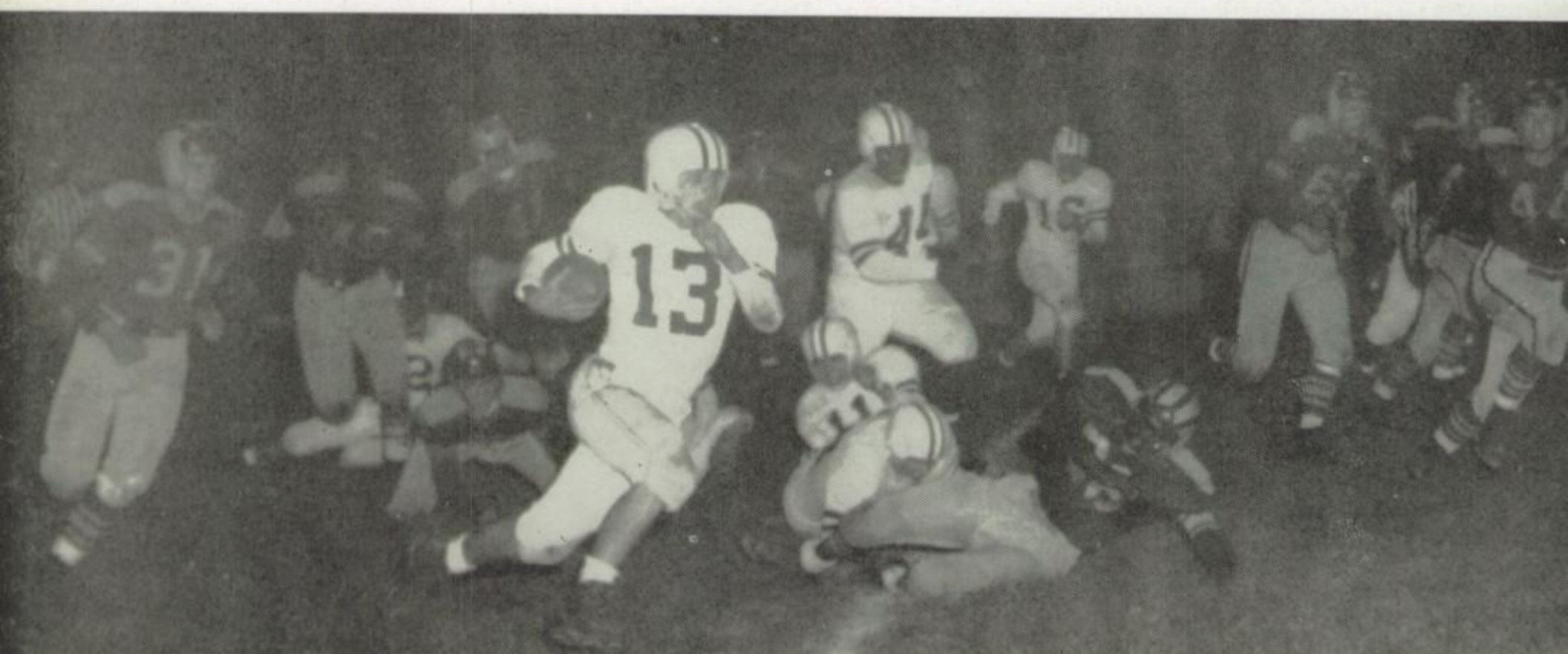
The Cincinnati Withrow Tigers handed the Middies a 19 to 13 defeat in a steady downpour. The running of big Al Manzler was just too much for the Middies as he broke loose time and again for long gains. After a scoreless first canto, Sorrell recovered a Tiger fumble on Withrow's 15 yard line. Tony Elieff scored the first touchdown on a five yard skirt around left end. Ratliff's conversion was good and the Middies led, 7 to 0. However, Withrow did not remain idle, for Manzler received the kickoff and danced 80 yards for a touchdown. The half ended with the Middies ahead, 7 to 6. The Tigers scored twice in the second half on runs by Manzler of 58 and 30 yards, respectively. With only two minutes remaining in the game, Middletown recovered a fumble on Withrow's 25 yard line. A pass from Hall to Ratliff set up an end run and a touchdown for Elieff. Then, after twelve straight conversions, Ratliff's try for the extra point was no good. The game ended with Withrow on top by a score of 19 to 13.

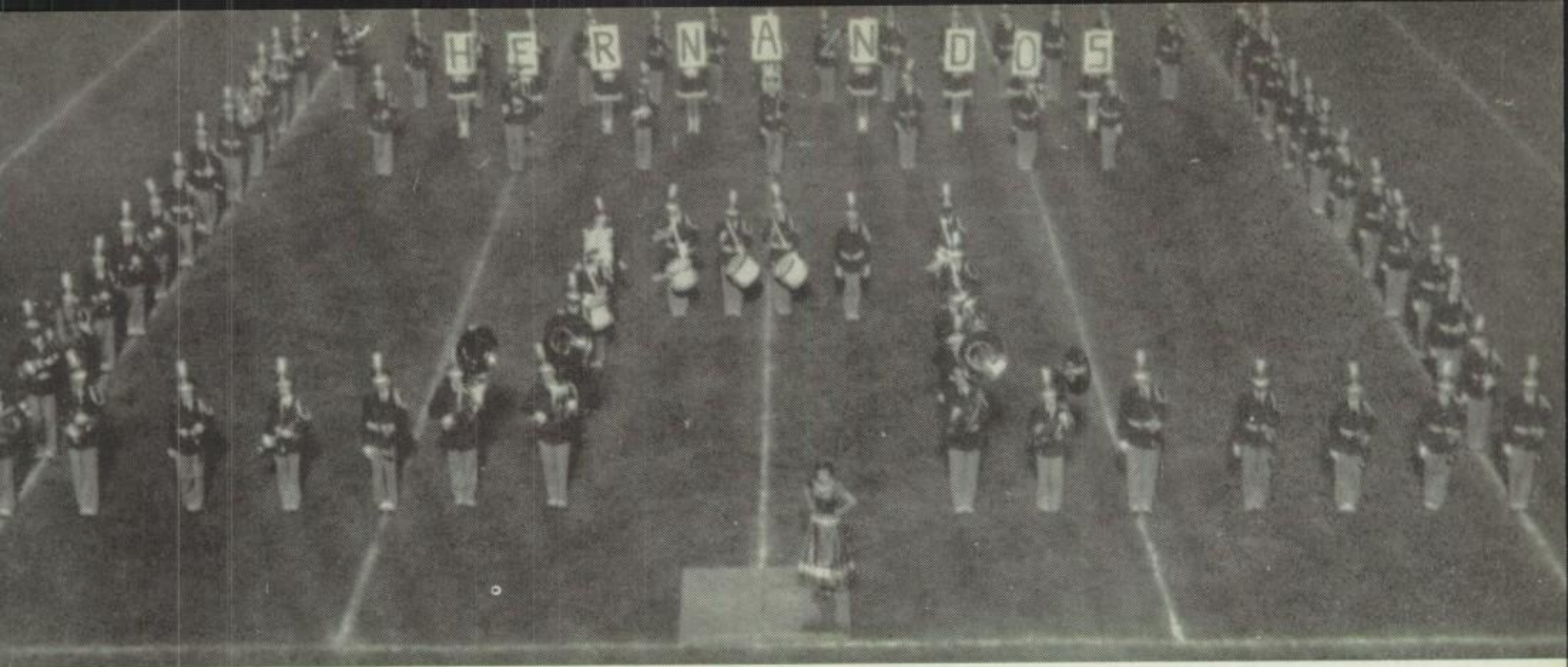
Lima South

The Middies' football prowess dipped to an all-time low as Lima South smothered the locals, 33 to 13. It was the sixth reversal of the campaign for the Middies. The Ellisonmen drew first blood as they scored with only two and a half minutes gone in the first quarter. Benny Frye recovered a South fumble on the first play from scrimmage. With Glenn Hall doing the quarterbacking, the Middies drove to the 1 from where Hall sneaked over for the touchdown. Ratliff missed his second straight conversion. From then on South completely dominated play, scoring in every quarter but the second. The Middies tried to keep in the game in the third quarter as Tony Elieff turned in a spectacular touchdown run of 39 yards. It was one of the few bright spots as the speedy halfback crashed over left tackle, cut to the right, and outraced the secondary. The Middies were only 8 points behind starting the fourth quarter, but South's Quarterback Morrison broke the game up with a 64 yard scoring pass.

Roosevelt

The Middies broke their losing streak and gained revenge for last year's defeat by completely outplaying Roosevelt, 42-7. The inspired Middies looked like a championship team as they took advantage of every break to run up their highest score of the season. The return to action of Co-captain Tony Elieff was a determining factor in the downfall of Roosevelt. He made touchdown runs of 94 and 40 yards, besides averaging 17 yards per try from scrimmage. Besides Elieff, Baker scored twice and Crowe once, along with Ratliff's 52-yard field goal. The defense was also in the limelight, giving Roosevelt a net of only 93 yards on the ground. This game gave the Middies a terrific boost in spirit. It put an end to their longest losing streak in history and also gave them confidence for the coming Butler Bowl.





Hamilton

Some 5,000 fans saw Hamilton's Big Blue defeat the Middies in a clean, hard-fought struggle. The game was exciting even to the last seconds. The Big Blue, however, displayed enough power and depth to outlast the Middies. Two blocked kicks resulted in touchdowns for the Big Blue in the first half. The Tigermen bounced back after the first touchdown and marched 67 yards for a score, with Baker going over from the 1. The first half ended with the Middies on the short end of a 14 to 7 score. The score was 28 to 7 in favor of Hamilton in the fourth quarter. The Middies would not give up, however, as Art Baker turned in the most sensational play of the night when he raced 50 yards through the middle of Hamilton's line for a touchdown, and the game ended 28 to 14. The win was the sixteenth for Hamilton against 15 wins for the Middies in the Butler Bowl Classic.





1st Row — Sam McAdow, Charles Smith, Ernest Jackson, J. B. Deaton, Buddy Mann, Bob Egelston, Homer Feerer, Paul Walker, Jr., Jack Kramer, Manager Dalas Green.
 2nd Row — Darrel Basford, Charles Sears, Kerner Boggs, Warren Ellis, Marvin Dearth, Dick Bugitzedes, Jim Kinser, Mike Lawson, Jim Curry, John Moore, Bob Hart, Fred Denniston.
 3rd Row — Coach Bob Kramer, Joe Jewell, Allan Morgan, Ken Larison, Ronnie Baker, Fred Schatzman, James Snow, Bob Thornton, Leon Mitchell, Tom Lewis, Felton Hall, Dick Terry, Phil Gregory, Jack Margerum, Coach Paul Walker.

Jay Vee Football

The Junior Varsity football team ended the 1954 season with a record of one win, five losses, and one tie. Although their record was not outstanding, the experience gained by the players will be valuable to them next year. From this squad "Tiger" Ellison hopes to find suitable replacements for the players he will lose through graduation. The fine win over Dayton Roosevelt and the hard-fought finale with Hamilton demonstrated the come-back ability of this team. Definite improvement was shown in the latter stages of the season.

Middletown	6	Dayton Roosevelt	6
Middletown	6	Dayton Fairmont	14
Middletown	0	Hamilton	15
Middletown	9	Springfield	19
Middletown	6	Oxford Stewart	55
Middletown	21	Dayton Roosevelt	0
Middletown	6	Hamilton	12



Kneeling — Jim Moorhead, David Velte, Al Salome.
Standing — Ronald May, Dalas Green.

Managers

Managers, the men behind the scenes, are the fellows who keep the football team going. They are responsible for each player's equipment and must be present for every practice. The Saturday after each home game found them down at the stadium cleaning up and getting ready for the Monday's practice while the players were home in bed. After the season was over, they spent weeks cleaning up and putting gear away in preparation for next year's season.

Cheerleaders

Whether on the gridiron or the hardwood floor Middletown's cheering squad, consisting of Marilyn Smith, Anne Foutz, Connie Stalls, Sylvia Doty, Nancy Kilburn, and Glenna Cornwell, succeeded in keeping up the teams' spirit and maintaining good sportsmanship in the stands. These six enthusiastic girls were chosen by the Student Council, with the help of Miss Ann Sweeney, adviser of the cheerleaders. Without them, our teams would not have had that necessary boost from the student cheering section.

First Row — Glenna Cornwell, Connie Stalls.
Second Row — Sylvia Doty, Marilyn Smith.
Third Row — Nancy Kilburn, Anne Foutz.





COURT — Tom Kemp, Jearlene Rogers, Jack McLaughlin, Patsy Jo Gilley, Tim Draut, Nancy Kilburn, Pat Palmer, Rosa Jane Cusano, Bill Denis, Peggy Mann, Becky Roof, Don Keffer.

Homecoming

Don Keffer, Nancy Kilburn, Tim Draut.

Bill Cox, Nancy Kilburn, Tony Elieff.





Homecoming Queen
Nancy Kilburn



Kneeling — Paul Walker, Jr., Coach Paul Walker.

Standing — Manager Ivan Lawson, Kenny McDaniels, Bob Reed, Oliver Wallace, Henry Mitchell, Bob Cole, Ronnie Dykes, Ronnie Thomas, Charles Watkins, Gary Getter, Tom Wiley, Bob Brumfield, Denzil Ratliff, Jay Byrd, Paul Howard, Manager Bob Davis.

Varsity Basketball

Lima South



The Middies, opening their season in the Wade E. Miller Gym, overpowered Lima South, 65-50. Before a capacity crowd Paul Walker started a new team led by Henry Mitchell, who tallied 11 points in the first quarter as the Middies held an 18-13 margin. The Middies scored 26 points to take a 44-21 lead at halftime. The second half showed the inconsistency of the Middies' hitting as they were outscored, 20 to 21. At the end of the third canto the Middies held a 58-38 lead. Lima South, led by Joe Morrison's jump shots from around the foul circle, outpointed the Middies in the last quarter, 12-7. Mitchell was high for the Middies with 17 points, followed by Watkins with 12, and Howard with 11.

Lockland Wayne

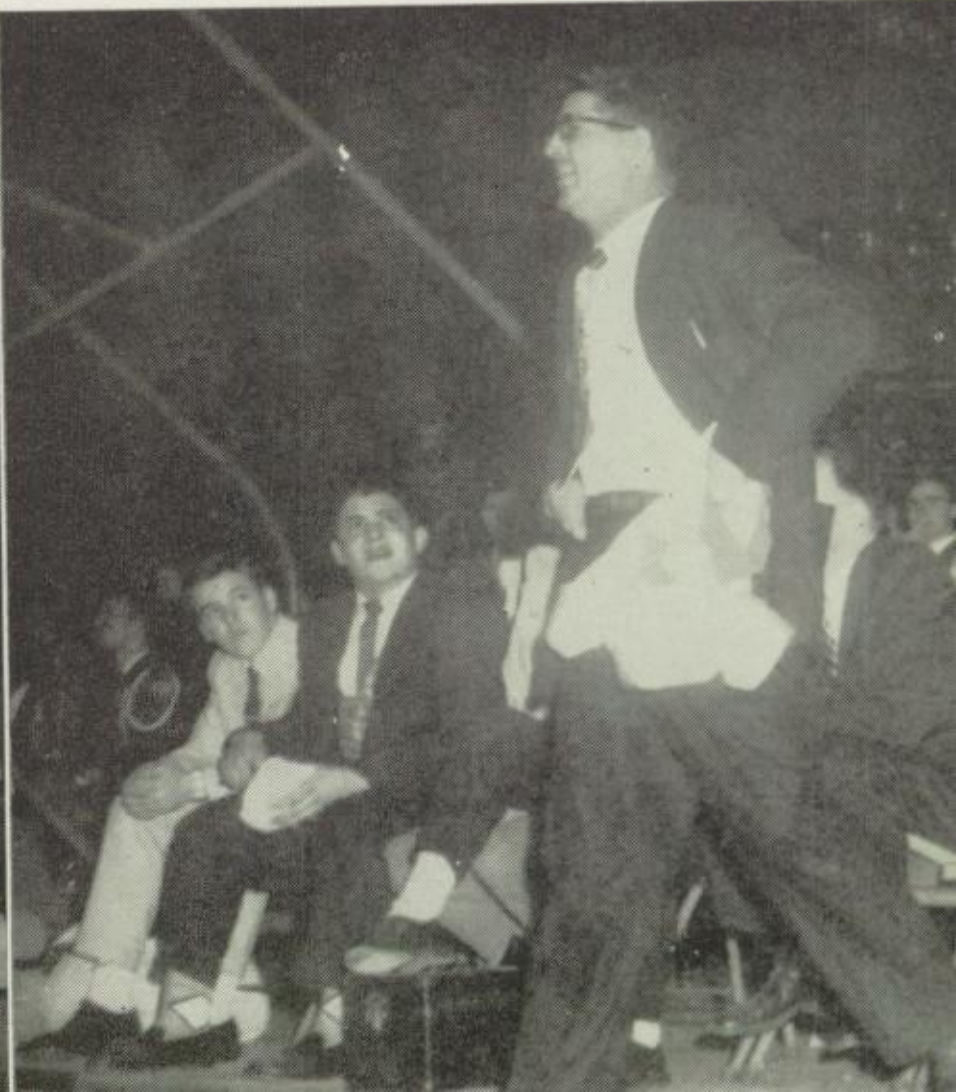
The Middies proved themselves to be a second quarter team as they came from behind twice to outlast Lockland Wayne, 61-57. The Middies scored first but found themselves behind at the first quarter mark, 21-15. The Middies came from behind in the second quarter to score 20 points to the Panthers' 4 and take the halftime lead, 35-25. Led by Ronnie Thomas in the third quarter, the Middies kept the lead, 45-37, but Wayne came within two points with 6:31 remaining. Two quick buckets by Dykes with 3:49 left put the Middies eight points in front and from there on it was an uphill climb for the Panthers. Ronnie Thomas and Bob Cole played a superior game off the boards and wound up as high point men for the Middies with 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Franklin

Playing their first game away, the Middies eked out a 58-56 double-overtime victory over the Franklin Wildcats. The Middies started out well and held a 22-15 first quarter advantage. At the end of the second canto the Middies held a 34-26 lead. In the second half the Wildcats played a more deliberate style of offense and came within 4 points at the end of the third quarter, 43-39. The Middies hit only two foul shots in the fourth quarter, and the Wildcats crept up on the Middies to tie the score 45-45. In the first overtime each team garnered 11 points to stay at 56-56. In the "sudden death" overtime Franklin took the center jump, but the shot was missed. Then Dick Gillen, scrappy senior guard, fouled Ronnie Dykes. Ronnie sank both of the shots to win the game.

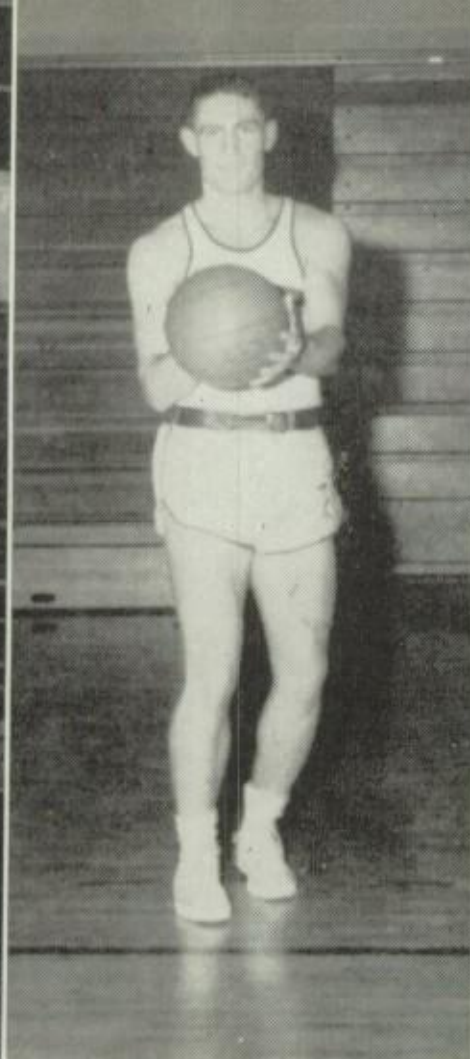
Dayton Wilbur Wright

The Middies lost their first game of the season, 55-43, to Dayton Wilbur Wright. The Pilots took an early five point lead before the Middies could score their first fielder. The Middies were down at the first quarter mark, 14-7. The Pilots held a 27-19 halftime advantage, for the Middies' passes were going wild and they were not in the right position for rebounds. The Middies trailed after the third quarter, 40-30, but pulled to within six points with 5:37 left in the game. The Pilots then took a 14 point lead, which the Middies could not overcome. Paul Howard led the Middies' scoring with 14 points followed by Thomas with 12.





PAUL HOWARD



DENZIL RATLIFF



HENRY MITCHELL



CHARLIE WATKIN

Springfield

The Middies lost their second straight game to a strong Springfield team, 59-57. The Middies started out strong and took a 15-14 first quarter lead, but the Wildcats turned on the steam in the second quarter, paced by Jim Severs, to take a 35-28 halftime lead. The Middies fought back in the third quarter to score 17 points to the Wildcats' 10 and tie the score at 45-45. The lead seesawed until, with 6:11 minutes to go, the Middies took the lead 53-52 on a fielder by Watkins. The Wildcats countered with two quick baskets and managed to control the ball. Dykes made a basket that would have ended the game in a tie, but it was a few seconds too late. Ronnie Dykes was high man for the Middies with 17 points.

Dayton Roosevelt

The Middies unleashed their best offense of the season in blasting Dayton Roosevelt, 82-55. The first quarter was close, but the Middies held a 21-16 lead. The Middies pulled further ahead in the second canto to score 23 points and hold a commanding 44-32 halftime lead. Paced by Watkins' four baskets in the third stanza, the Middies stayed ahead by a 66-49 count. Unloading the bench in the final quarter, the Middies scored 16 points to the Teddies' 6. Five Middies hit the double figures as Walker used 13 men, but Charlie Watkins paced the way with 20 points.

Lima Central

The Middies suffered their worst defeat ever at the hands of the Lima Central Dragons, 83-56. The first quarter was close as the Dragons led 21-16. The two teams played on even terms in the second canto as Lima Central held a 5-point lead at 39-34. In the third quarter the Middies missed 10 straight shots, as the Dragons, paced by Castle and Emmons, took a third quarter lead of 63-42. In the final quarter the Dragons hit 9 out of 16 shots. Bob Cole was high for the Middies with 15 points.

Columbus East

The Middies fought an uphill battle but lost in the last five seconds, 52-51, to Columbus East. The Tigers started fast and took a 22-12 first quarter lead. Denzil Ratliff's four fielders cut the lead to 32-27 at halftime. Both faltered in the third period as East led, 45-35. The Middies fought back until Bob Reed tied the score 49-49 with 3:41 minutes left. The Middies froze the ball until 1:41 was left. East then froze the ball until there were 49 seconds left. Bob Cole was fouled and made both shots to give the Middies a 51-50 lead with 10 seconds left. On the throw in, East's Frank Wade's shot from midcourt was good, ending the game. Ron Thomas was high for the Middies with 17 points.

Mansfield

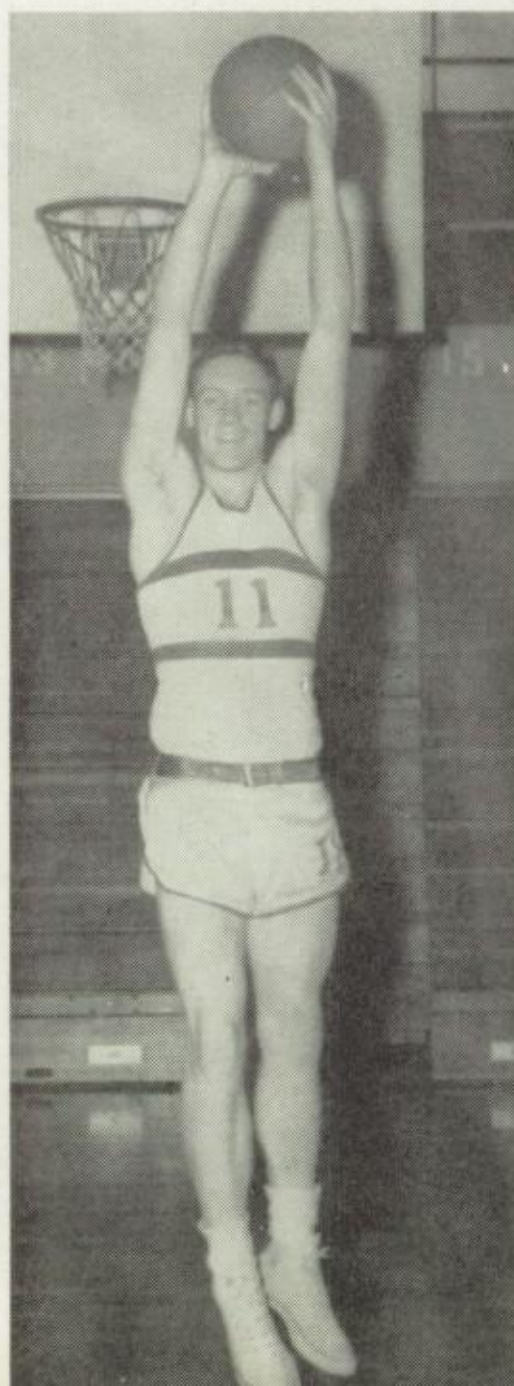
The Middies played their best all-around game in beating previously unbeaten Mansfield, 64-54. Mansfield started off well and took an 18-14 first quarter lead, but a seven point spree by the Middies enabled them to take a 32-31 halftime lead. The Middies opened up in the third quarter to lead 50-43. Paced by the fine rebounding and shooting of Dykes, the Middies increased their lead and finally won by 10 points. The victory was the Middies' fifth in nine games, while for Mansfield it was their first loss in 7 games. Ron Dykes played the best game of his career in scoring 24 points, 10 in the final quarter.

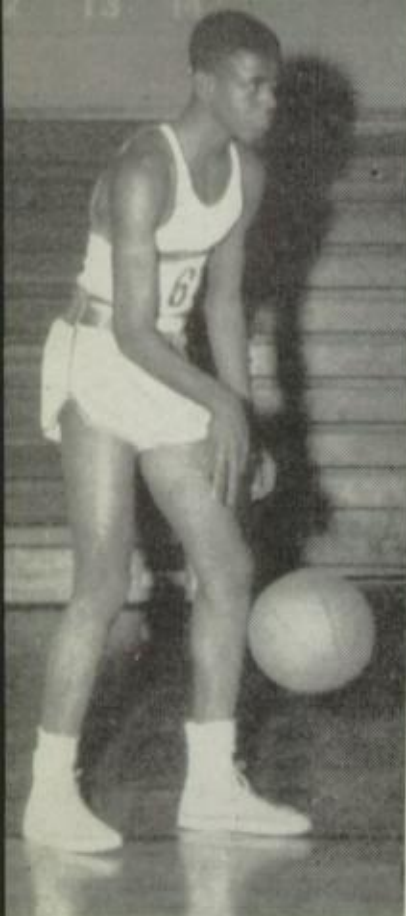
Xenia Central

After a close first half the Middies poured it on Xenia Central to hand them their fourth defeat, 75-60. The two teams were quite evenly matched in the first quarter as the Middies led 15-13, but the Buccaneers fought back to a 30-30 tie at halftime. Then the Middies started to hit and led 52-45 after the third quarter and in the fourth quarter scored 23 points to the Buccaneers' 15 to wrap it up. Both teams made many fouls; the Middies scored 21 of their 36 free throws, while the Buccaneers made 28 out of 44. Four Middies hit the double figures with Ronnie Thomas high with 20. Denzil Ratliff, Ken McDaniels, and Ronnie Dykes had 13, 11, and 10, respectively.

RONNIE DYKES

BOB COLE

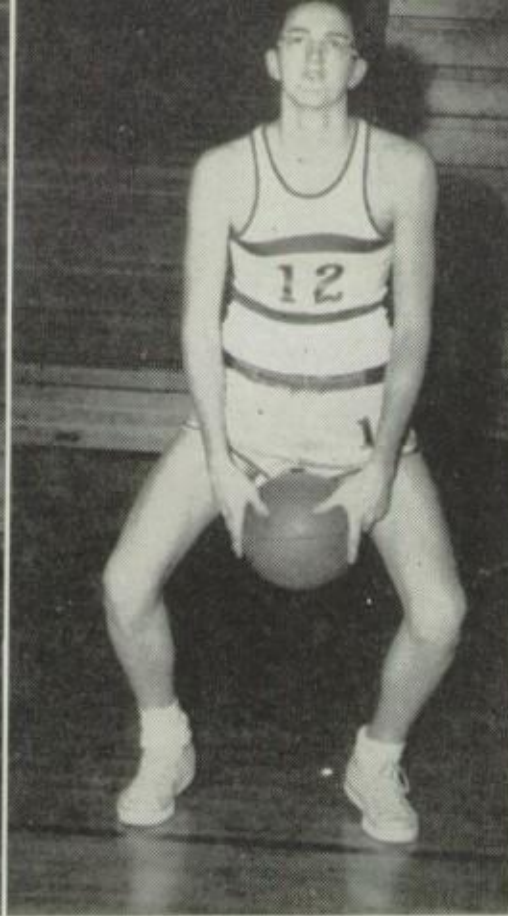




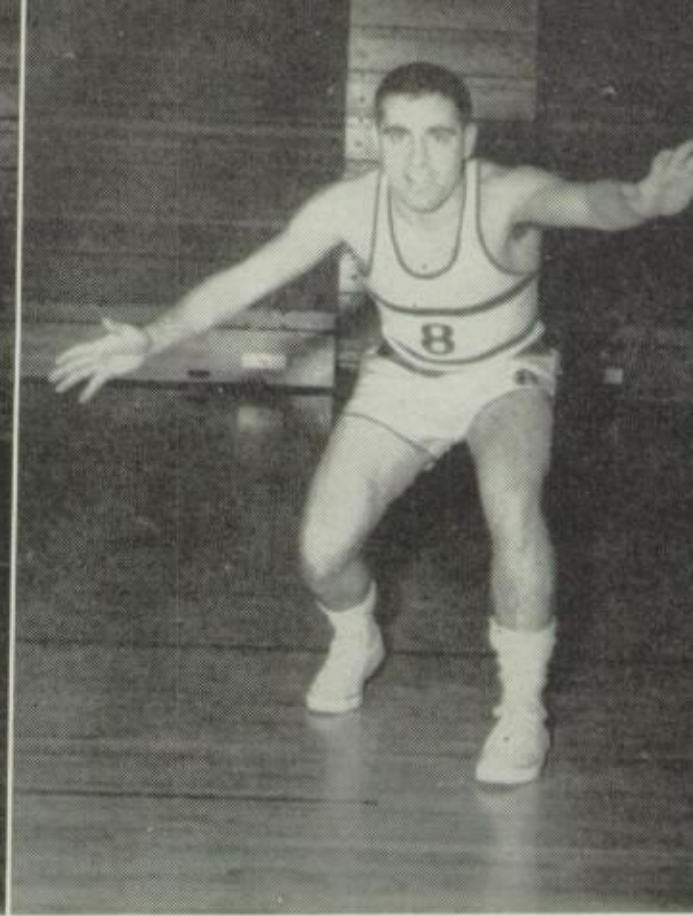
OLIVER WALLACE



JAY BYRD



RONNIE THOMAS



KENNY McDANIELS

Portsmouth

The Portsmouth Trojans handed the Middies their fifth defeat of the season by an 81-60 score. The first quarter was nearly even as the Trojans took a 16-12 lead, and picked up one extra in the second quarter to hold a 34-29 halftime lead. In the third quarter the Trojans poured 27 points through the hoops and held that pace in the last quarter to send the Middies reeling to defeat. The Trojans, led by speedsters Bill Clifford and Curt Gentry, looked like the Middies of old as they scored repeatedly on fast breaks. Ron Dykes was high for the Middies with 11 foul shots and 25 points, followed by Bob Cole with 14.

Hamilton

Before a rather depleted crowd at the Cincinnati Gardens, the Middletown Middies beat Hamilton, their traditional rival, 68-62. The Middies countered six quick points as the game started and led after the first quarter, 15-14. They added to their lead in the second quarter, holding a 33-29 halftime lead. Led by Denzil Ratliff's eight straight points in the third quarter, the Middies were ahead at that stop, 51-44. The Big Blue could not catch up after that as the Middies pulled out to win. Ron Dykes again paced the Middies as he garnered 19 points and Denzil Ratliff countered 13 markers.

Columbus South

The Middies won their eighth game of the season as they handed Columbus South its fifth defeat by a score of 79-70. The first quarter was slow as they were tied 14-14. Paced by Ron Dykes, the Middies went ahead 36-28 at halftime. As the third quarter started, South operated a full court press and managed to catch up, 36-36, but that was all they could do and the Middies held a 52-43 third quarter lead. The fourth quarter saw both teams score 27 points. Ron Dykes paced the Middies with 26 points, including 12 straight free throws, while Bob Cole had 17.

Portsmouth

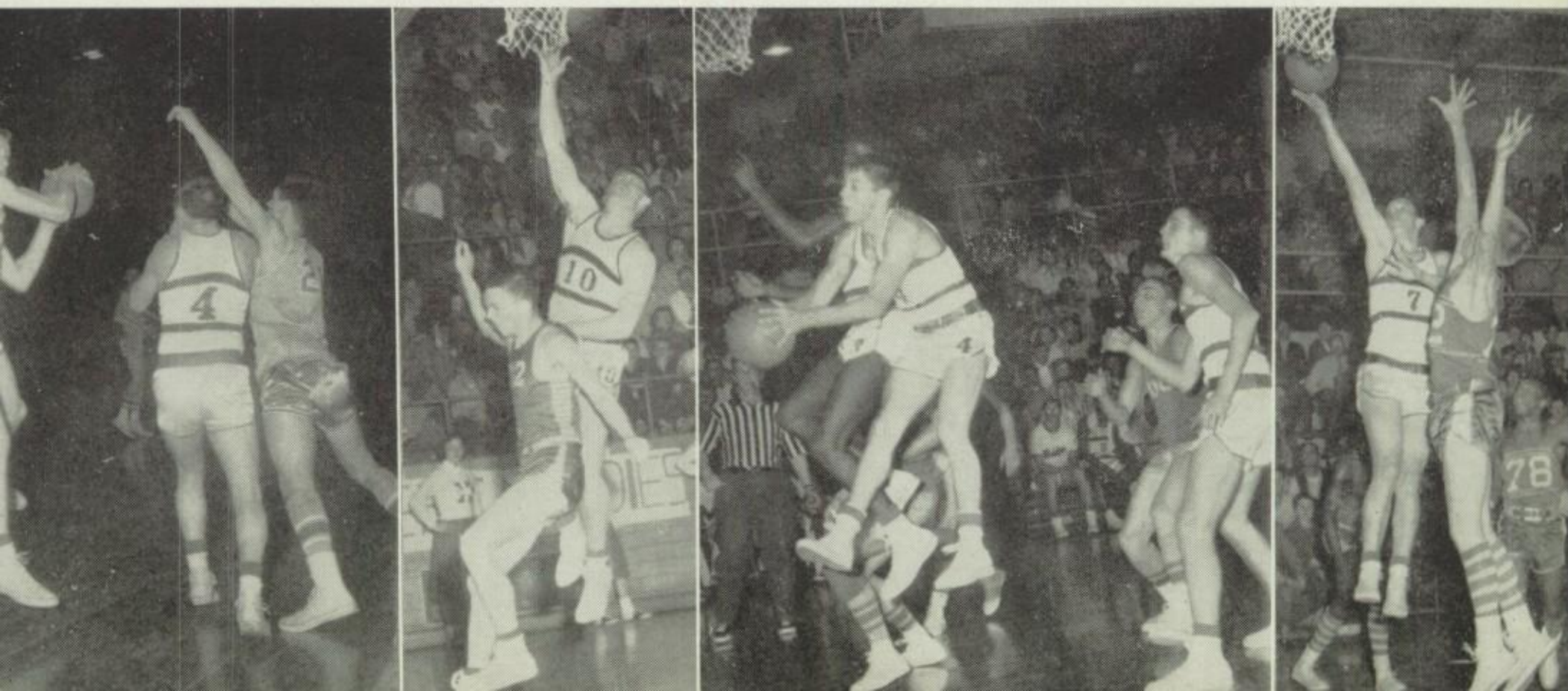
Hoping to revenge an earlier setback at the hands of the Portsmouth Trojans, the Middies employed a tighter defense, but it was to no avail as the Trojans took a 56-41 victory. Portsmouth held a slim 10-8 first quarter lead but increased it to 25-19 at halftime. Paced by Curt Gentry, the Trojans added to their lead and held a 58-29 margin after the third quarter. The Middies tried to catch up in the last quarter, but Gentry and Jerry Higgins scored 6 points each in that quarter to dim the Middies' chances. The game was a slow one as the Middies shot only when they thought they had a good chance. Only one Middie hit the double figures, that being Ronnie Dykes with 12 points.

Lima Central

The Middies avenged an earlier defeat as they played the best game of the season in beating highly-rated Lima Central, 73-54. The Middies showed a tremendous spirit to score as they had led at the first quarter mark, 16-12, through the help of Denzil Ratliff's five baskets, and at halftime, 35-19. Led by Ron Thomas's hook shots, the Middies pushed still further in the lead as the third quarter score was 59-34. Lima outscored the Middies in the final canto 20 points to 14. The Middies hit 44 percent of their shots in the first half but fell to 39 percent for the game. The Middies had three boys scoring in the double figures — Ron Thomas, Paul Howard, and Denzil Ratliff with 16, 14, and 10, respectively.

Richmond, Indiana

The Middies edged Richmond, 58-57. The first quarter score was 15-12 with the Middies ahead. The Red Devils fell behind by seven points but rallied to end the half only two behind, 30-28. In the third quarter the Middies made only 3 baskets, while Richmond rallied to tie it up 40-40 after the third quarter. The Middies led by 8 points with 5:08 left, but Phil Houston of Richmond sank four field goals. The Middies froze the ball until Don Berg intercepted a pass and went into score and put the Red Devils ahead, 55-54 with 49 seconds remaining. Paul Howard flipped in a basket and two free throws to win for the Middies.



Springfield

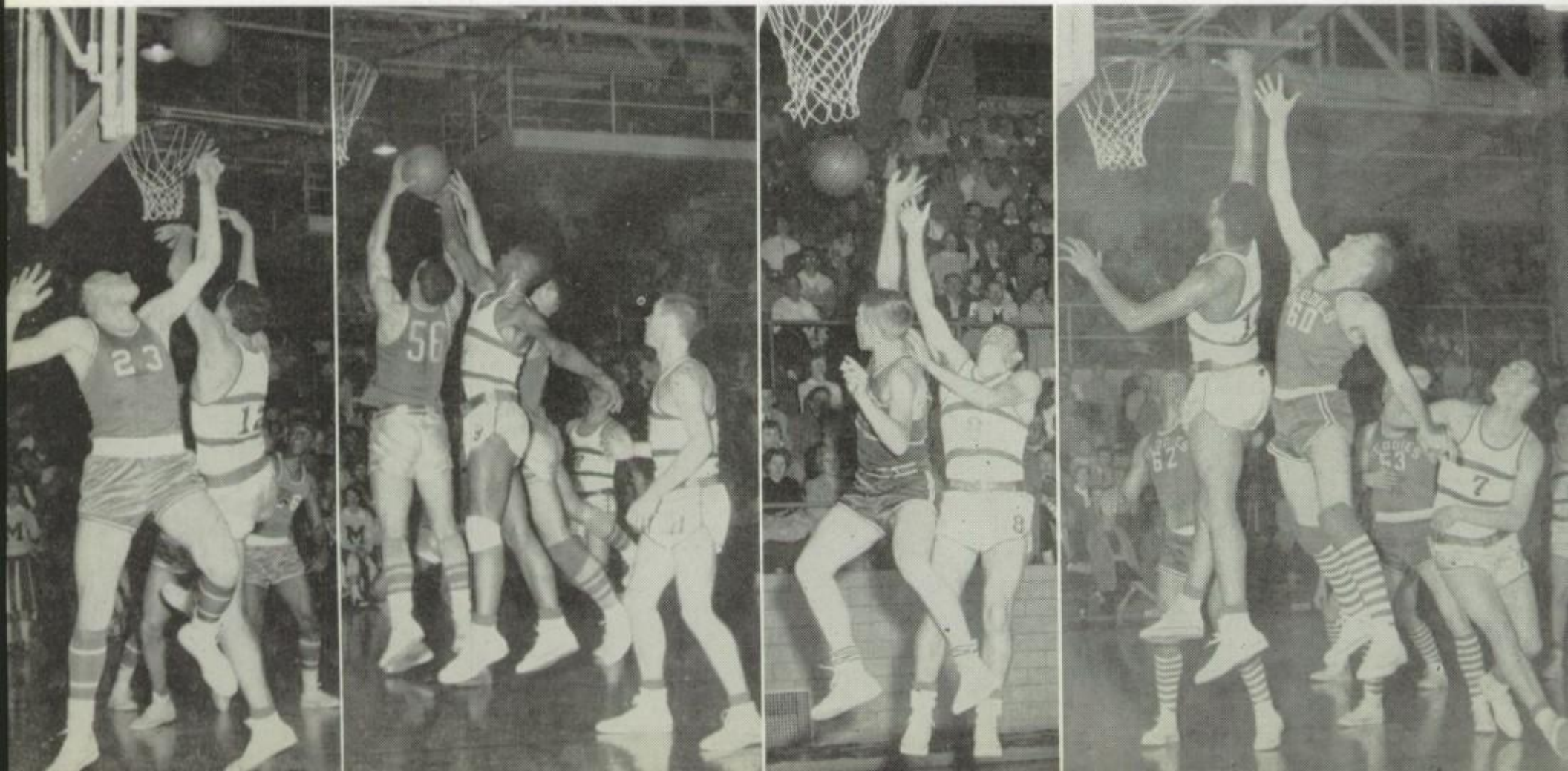
The Middies avenged one of their earlier defeats as they trimmed the Springfield Wildcats, 63-55. The Middies led at the first quarter 13-10 and pulled further ahead at halftime, 27-20. The Middies caught fire in the third quarter and led by twelve points, 46-34. The Wildcats, however, scored 21 points to the Middies' 17 to cut the game margin to eight points. The Middies had a well-balanced attack as four players hit in the double figures: Dykes, Ratliff, Howard, and Thomas with 16, 13, 12, and 11, respectively. This win was the third straight for the Middies and gave them an 11 won and 6 lost record for the year.

Hamilton

The Middies beat Hamilton's Big Blue for the second straight time this year, 58-54. The first quarter was slow as the Middies held a 14-7 lead. The second quarter was even more so as the score was 25-13 at the halftime. The score after the third quarter was 38-26, but in the last quarter Hamilton scored 28 points to narrow that lead to 4 points. At one point in the last quarter the Big Blue was only 2 points behind, but the Middies scored and kept that lead until the end. Four Middies hit the double figures. Ratliff, Watkins, Dykes, and Howard had 14, 14, 13, and 11 points, respectively.

Mansfield

The Middies suffered their 7th defeat of the season in the final game at Mansfield, 68-62. Mansfield led throughout the game, but the score was tied once. In the last quarter the Tigers held a 16 point lead with just a few minutes remaining, but Bob Cole scored seven straight points to narrow that margin. Mansfield led after the first quarter, 17-10, and 35-32 at halftime. Mansfield scored 23 points in the third quarter to pile up a 58-44 lead, but the Middies scored 18 points in the last quarter to Mansfield's 10 to narrow the game margin to 6 points. The Middies had plenty of shots but could not hit their average. Bob Cole and Ron Thomas with 17 and 14 paced the Middies.





Kneeling — Coach Bob Kramer.

Standing — Manager Max Murstein, David Wells, Tom Crowe, Eddie Stokley, Bob Reed, Ron Hardeman, Bob Brumfield, Gary Getter, Bruce Martin, Mike Schaan, Theola King, Don Hawkins, Leon Mitchell, Paul Brewer, John Moore, Allen Barker, Manager Steve Raine.

Jay Vee Basketball

The Middies can look forward to a good season next year with Gary Getter, Bob Reed, Ronnie Hardeman, Theola King, and Jerry Fleming hoping to move up to the varsity. Coach Bob Kramer's team had their usually fine record winning 13 and losing 4. Their losses were to Franklin, EUB Church, Portsmouth, and Hamilton. The JV's averaged 50.8 points per game on offense and 40 on defense. They had a four-game winning streak broken three times.

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Dayton Fairmont

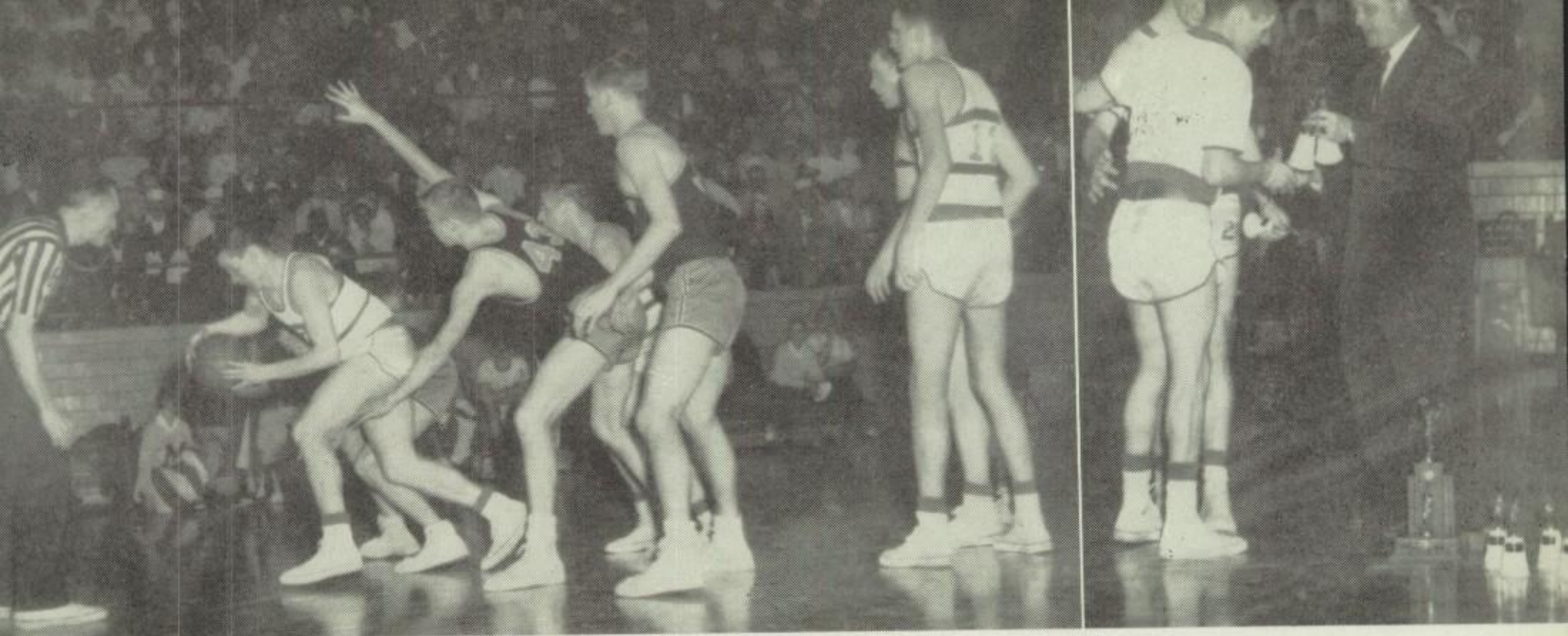
In their first tournament game at the University of Dayton Field House the Middies defeated the Fairmont Dragons, 55-33. The first quarter was slow with the Middies out front, 10-9. Fairmont scored only two points in the second quarter, and the Middies held a 22-11 halftime lead. Led by Paul Howard's four baskets, the Middies held a 38-22 third quarter lead. The Middies outscored the Dragons in the last quarter, 17-11. The game was rather slow, but the Middies still had enough ability to beat the Dragons. Paul Howard and Denzil Ratliff with 14 and 12 points, respectively, were high for the Middies.

District

Xenia Central

The Middies won their second tournament game in beating Xenia Central, 81-68. Both teams started out strong as the Middies held a 19-16 first quarter lead. Paced by Ron Dykes, who had 17 points in the first half, the Middies led at half-time, 39-33. The Middies were out ahead after three quarters, 60-49. The Middies scored 21 points for the 2nd time in the game to 19 for Xenia's in the last quarter. The highlight of the game was Ron Dykes' 29 points. Denzil Ratliff, Charles Watkins, and Paul Howard with 14, 11, and 10, followed Dykes.





Dayton Stivers

Bob Cole's last-second shot kept the Middies in the tournament as the Middies fought back in the last quarter to vanquish Dayton Stivers, 52-51. The score was tied several times in the first quarter, but the Tigers managed to hold a four-point edge 12-8 going into the second quarter. The Tigers increased this lead to 25-18 at halftime. Both teams fought on even terms in the third quarter, but Stivers still led 39-32. With 6:03 left in the last quarter the Middies began to fight back. Inspired by Paul Howard, Henry Mitchell, and Cole, they managed to tie the score 49-all. The Middies took the lead at 50-49, but the Tigers went ahead 51-50 with 16 seconds left. The Middies took the ball out and Cole let go his famous shot which won for the Middies.

Tournament

Dayton Chaminade

The Middies worked their way into a regional berth by swamping Dayton Chaminade in the District Finals, 83-59. The first quarter was close with the Middies ahead 20-18. The Eagles narrowed that to 35-34 at halftime, but the Middies scored 20 points again in the third quarter to lead 55-47. The Middies broke the game wide open in the fourth quarter with 28 points, including 16 foul shots, while holding the Eagles to 12. All the Middies on the squad saw action. The Middies' 83 points and 27 foul shots were new highs for the season along with their 28 points in the final quarter. Bob Cole with 27 and Charlie Watkins with 19 points paced the Middies. It was the 12th time the Middies had won the District Championship.



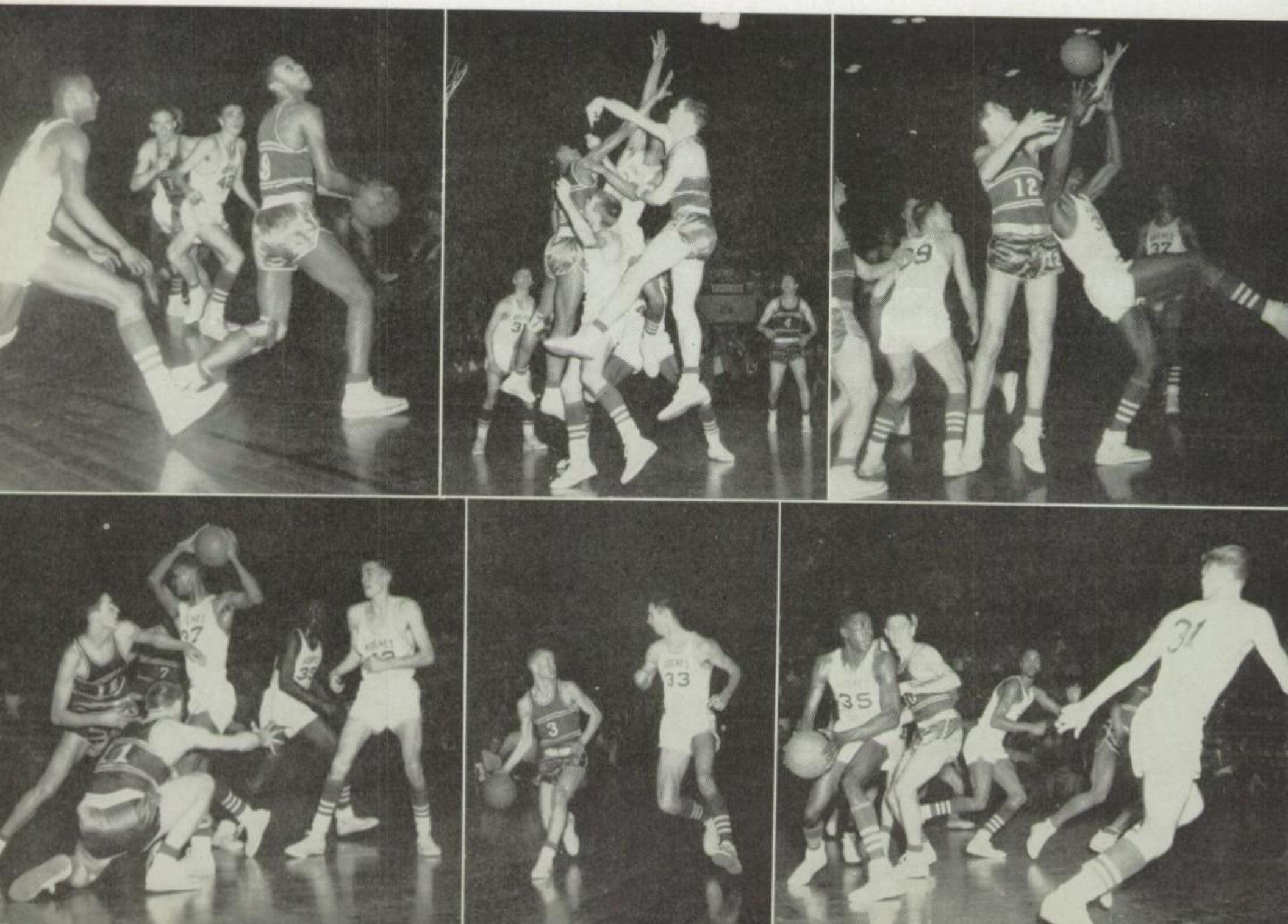
Regional Tournament

Cincinnati Hughes

The Middies played a brilliant game but were nosed out in the last 11 seconds of an overtime battle, 72-71. It was apparent that the Middies missed Charlie Watkins as Hughes' height proved their downfall. The big senior center was declared ineligible for scholastic reasons. It was a game of fouls — 25 against the Middies and 18 against Hughes. Hughes sank 26 of 46 free throws while the Middies made 19 out of 29.

Hughes led at the first quarter mark, 21-16, with Ray Apple and Bill Whitaker contributing 18 of these. The Middies could score only 8 points in the second quarter, while Hughes garnered 13 to put the Middies down 34-25 at halftime. Then Denzil Ratliff and Paul Howard caught fire, as Ratliff scored 7 and Howard 10

to help the Middies tie the game up after the third quarter, 49-49. The Middies managed to pull out to a 57-51 lead with 6:27 to go in the game, but the two teams traded baskets after Hughes tied it up, and the regulation game ended at 67-67. The Middies had a 71-70 lead with 22 seconds to go, but Apple drove in for a layup and was fouled. He made both shots and Hughes led 72-71 with 11 seconds left. The Middies brought the ball down court, but the last-second shot was no good and the Middies' season was over. Howard, Ratliff, and Bob Cole with 20, 17, and 14 paced the Middies. The Middies finished their season with a 16-8 record and bright hopes for next year. It was the last game for Ratliff, Howard and Mitchell.





Coach Bob Kramer, Bill Rupp, Dave Holbrook, Jim Purvis, Bill Bursk.

The Middletown High Golf Team, coached by Bob Kramer, played eleven matches during the 1954 season, winning six, losing four, and tying one. The team also participated in three tournaments during the season: the Tri-State, the G. O. L., and the District. Their record, although it is not overly impressive, was one of the best for the golfers in recent years. Even better things are expected from the team in 1955, as the whole squad was composed of juniors and sophomores.

Bill Rupp



Golf

Middletown	8	Lebanon	4
Middletown	1	Walnut Hills	3
Middletown	10	Lebanon	2
Middletown	2	Springfield	10
Middletown	6	Hamilton	6
Middletown	7	Lebanon	5
Middletown	2½	Lebanon	1½
Middletown	0	Richmond	12
Middletown	3½	Fairmont	8½
Middletown	7½	Hamilton	4½
Middletown	9	Western Hills	3



Sitting — Paul Willis, Glenn Hall, Jim Kidd, Bob Womack, Art Baker, Oscar Day, Ronnie Whitt, Paul Fisher, Allan Karschner, Bob Larison, Jim Kemp, Gary Perry, Bill Cox, Douglas Russell.
 Kneeling — Manager Jim Moorhead, Gary Getter, Bill Davidson, Bob Ashley, Jo-Ed Bechtel, Syl Moore, Bob Pummill, Ed Johnson, Ed Palmer, Tom Hester, Ron Hardeman, Dale Wills, Denzil Ratliff, Tony Elieff, Skip Salome.
 Standing — Coach Tiger Ellison, Allan Morgan, John Sorrell, Gene McCandless, Tom Daly, Jim Snow, Tom McIntire, Larry Murphy, George Sorrell, Don Domineck, Dick Dennis, Jim Tipton, Phil Spangler, Benny Frye, Charlie Sears, Ronnie Pratt, Lowell Dunn, Jack McClain, Coach Stan Lewis.

Track

The Middies dropped to a 5-3 record in the 1954 track season after losing only two dual meets in the two seasons before. The victories were over West Carrollton, Seven Mile, Wayne Township, Fairmont, Kiser, and Hamilton. The Middies dropped dual meets to Walnut Hills, Dayton Roosevelt, and Hamilton. George Jones was the main point-getter for the tracksters of the '54 season, but no records were broken by anyone. Defeated by the Teddies of Roosevelt, the Middies completed a losing season to them, as Middletown football, basketball, and track teams were also victims of the Teddies.

Middletown picked up 23 points to finish fourth in the Southern Ohio League track meet. Bill Cox picked up second place points for Middletown in the shot put for the top showing in the Middies' cast of entries.

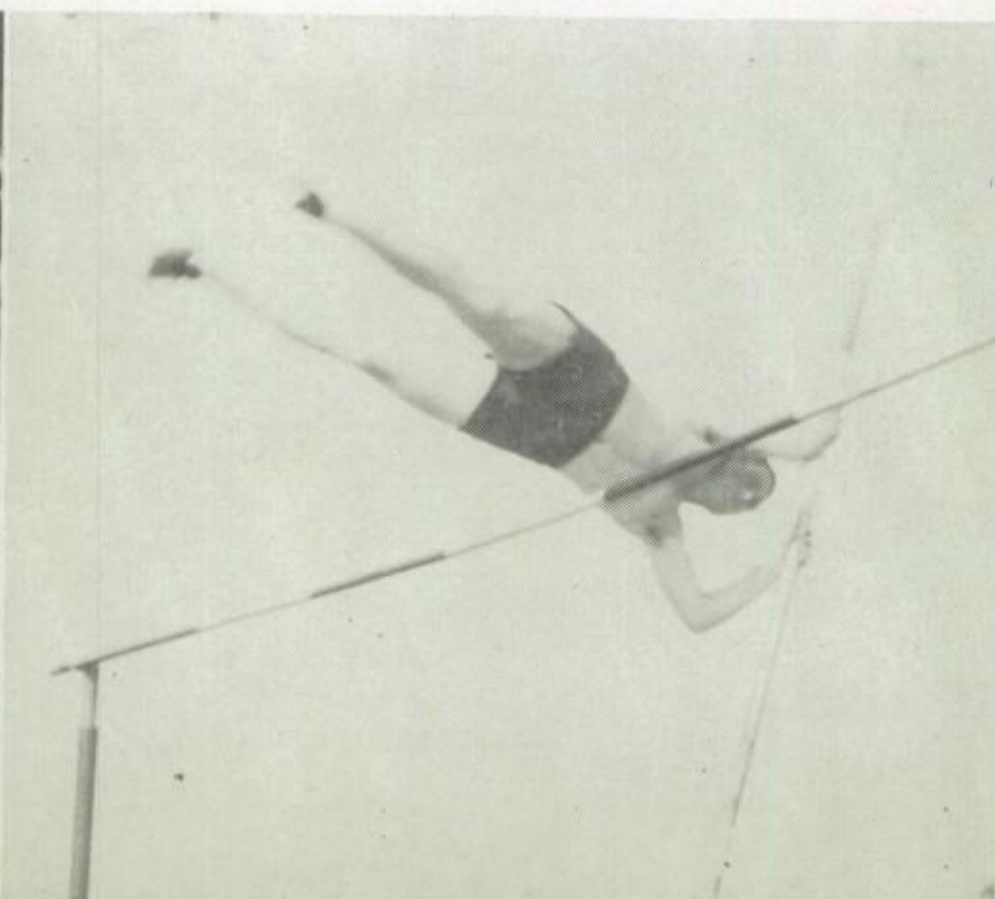
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Middletown	78 ¹ / ₂
Middletown	66 ¹ / ₃

West Carrollton	56 ¹ / ₃
Seven Mile	57
Walnut Hills	65
Wayne	19 ³ / ₄
Dayton Roosevelt	85
Fairmont	65 ¹ / ₂
Kiser	39 ¹ / ₂
Hamilton	51 ¹ / ₃

Bill Cox

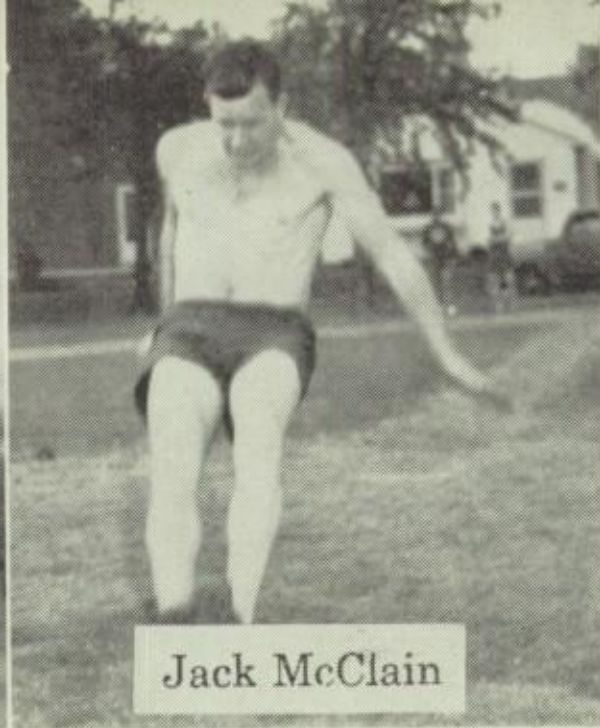
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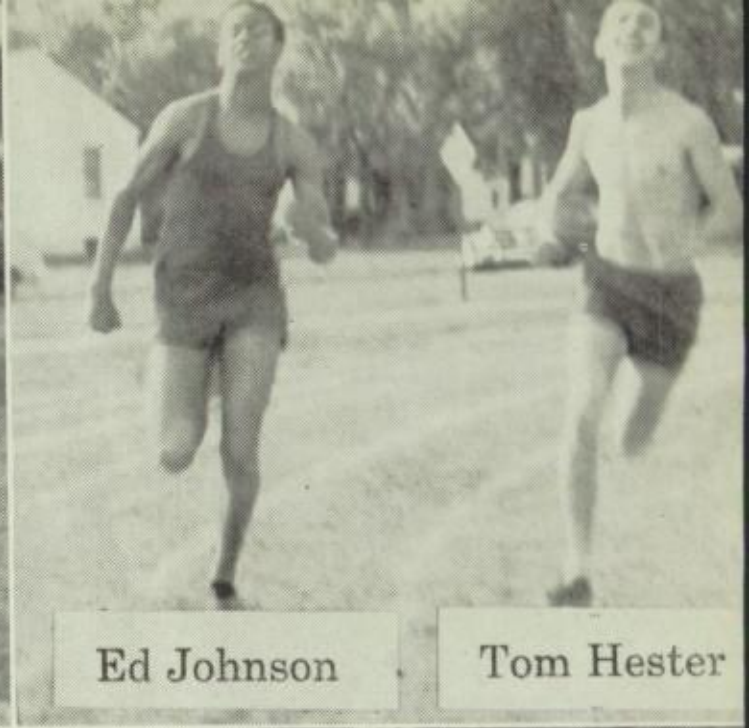




Glenn Hall

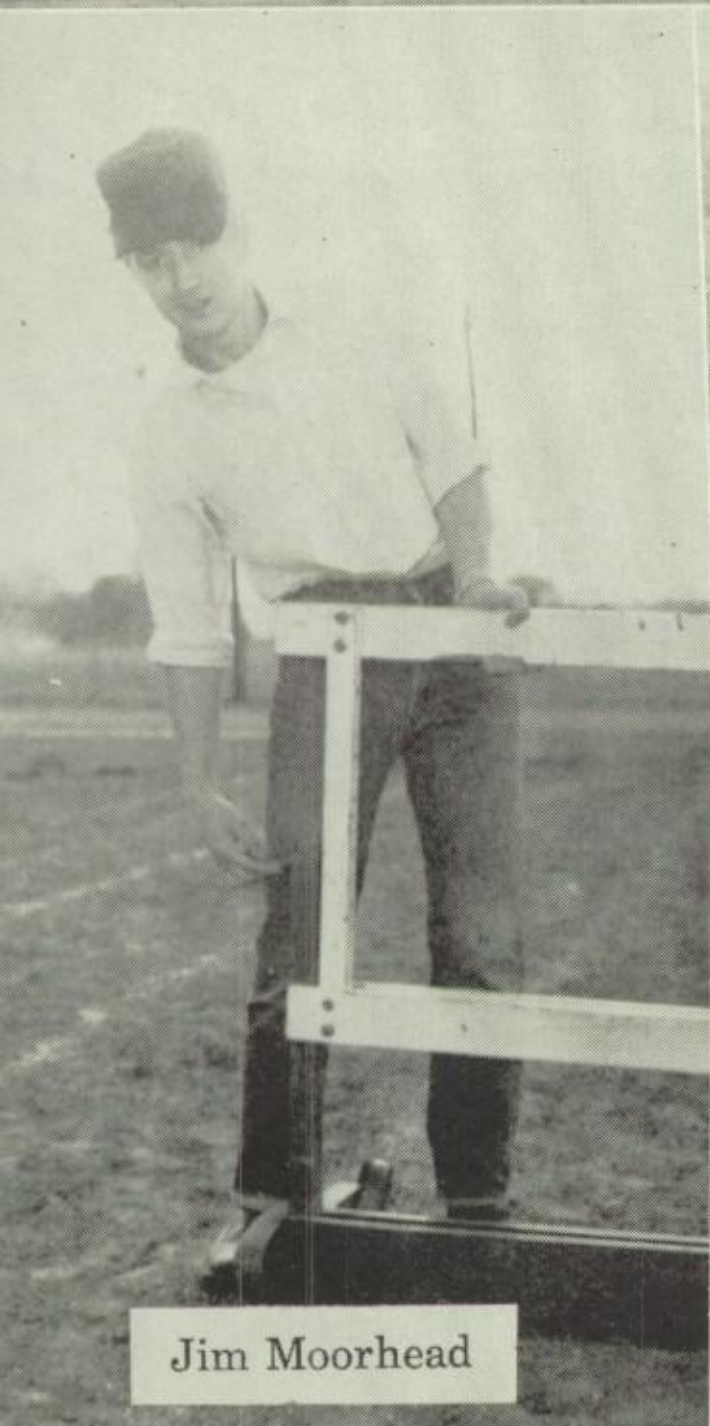


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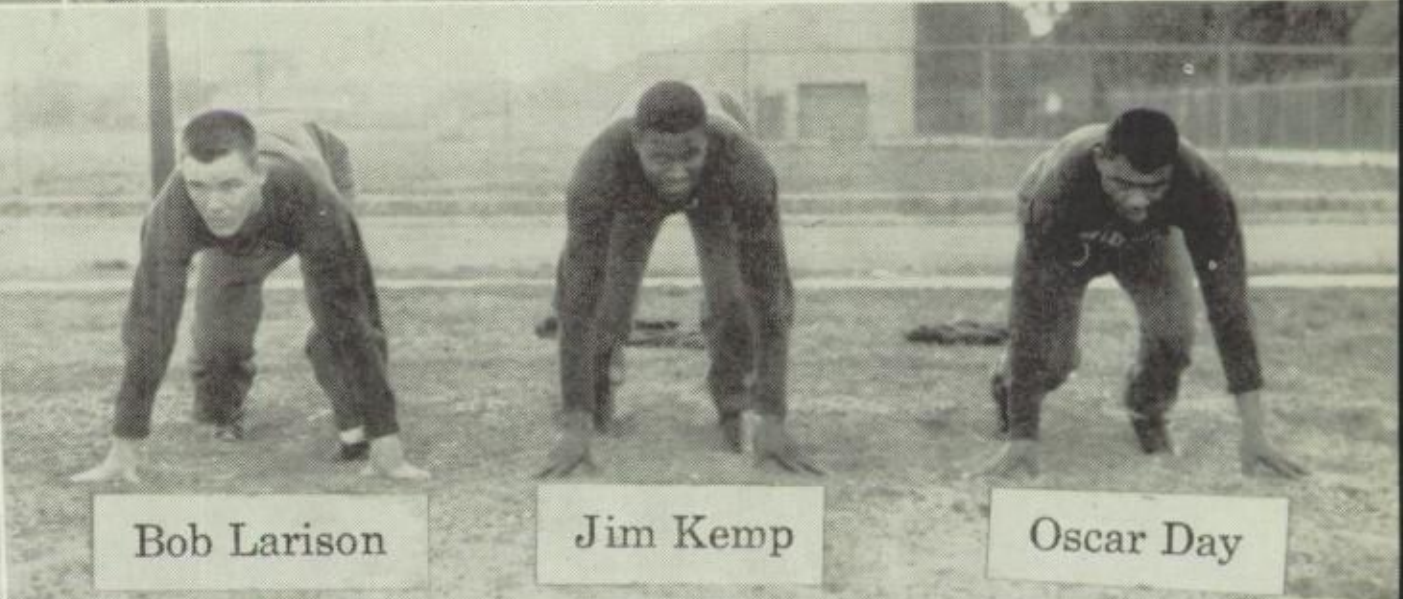


Ed Johnson

Tom Hester



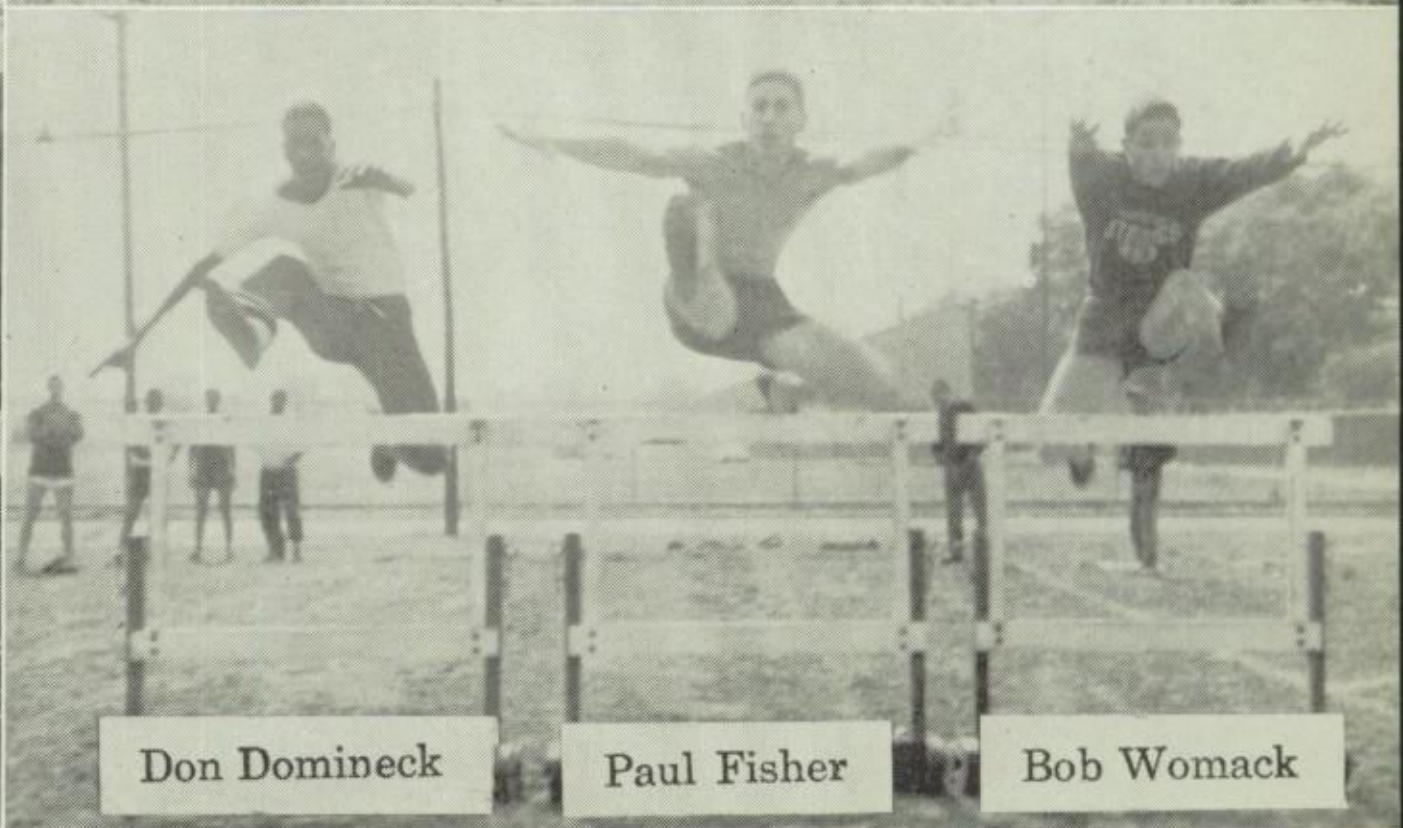
Jim Moorhead



Bob Larison

Jim Kemp

Oscar Day



Don Domineck

Paul Fisher

Bob Womack



Art Baker



Jim Kidd

Calvin M.

Tom Hester



1st Row — Roger Mattingly, Freddy Sullivan, Seth Howard, Jim Lacy, Jim Dalton, Tom Reed, Ronnie Stokley.

2nd Row — Manager Jim Pollard, Paul Lansaw, Dick Netherly, David Williams, Theola King, Tom Crowe, Jerry Leak, Kenny McDaniels, Charles Vinson, Jerry Fleming, Coach Deacon Diehl.

1954 Baseball Season

The 1954 Middletown Baseball Squad started off the season with five straight victories. The Middies were able to win only two of their last eight games to finish with a 7-6 record. The Middies, with a 6-1 record and high hopes of winning the Dayton District Tournament, were swamped 7-2 by Xenia Central in the locals' opening game.

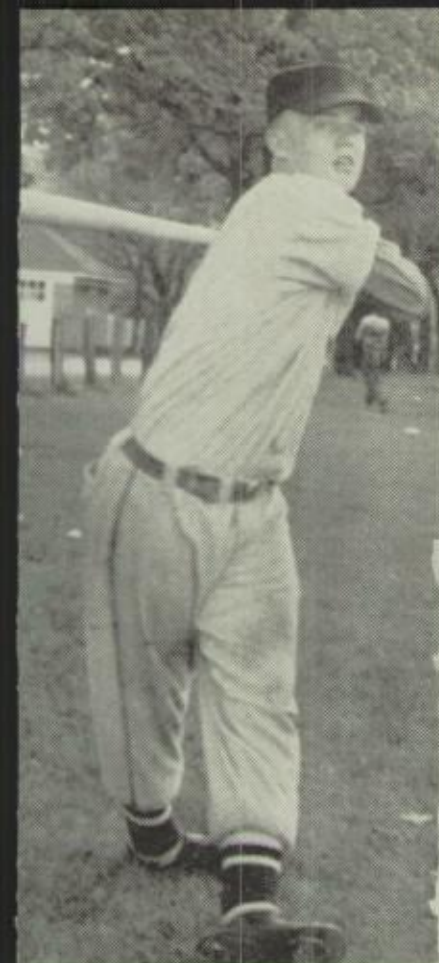
Bill Dorenbusch



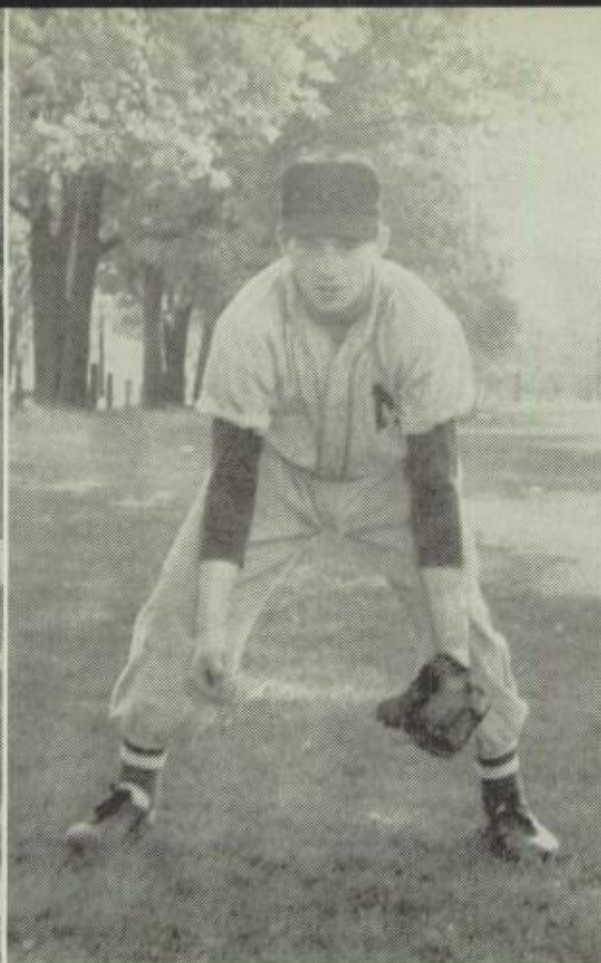
Roger Mattingly



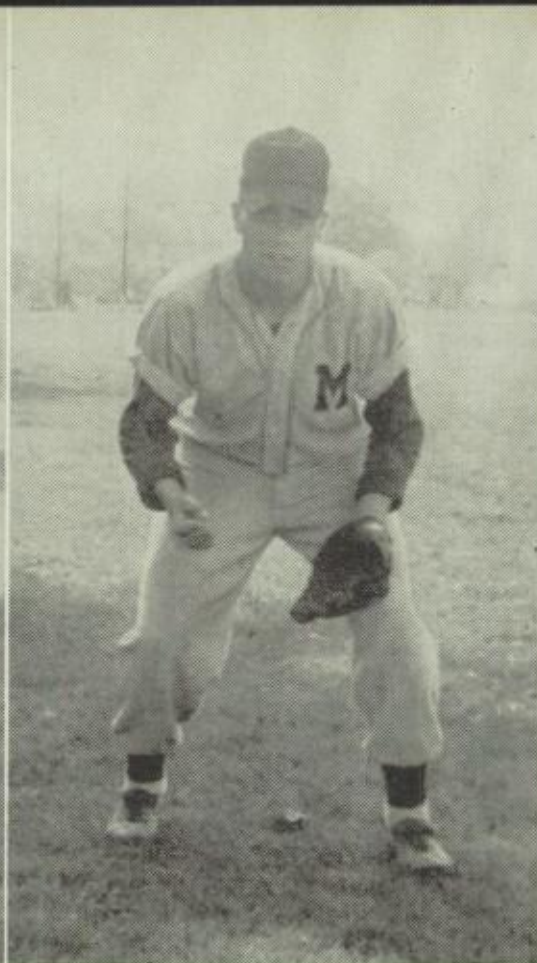
On April 9, pitching against Walnut Hills of Cincinnati, Bill Dorenbusch made local sports history by retiring all 21 men in order to complete a perfect game. He allowed Miamisburg only one hit on May 6 and constantly menaced opposing hitters throughout the season.



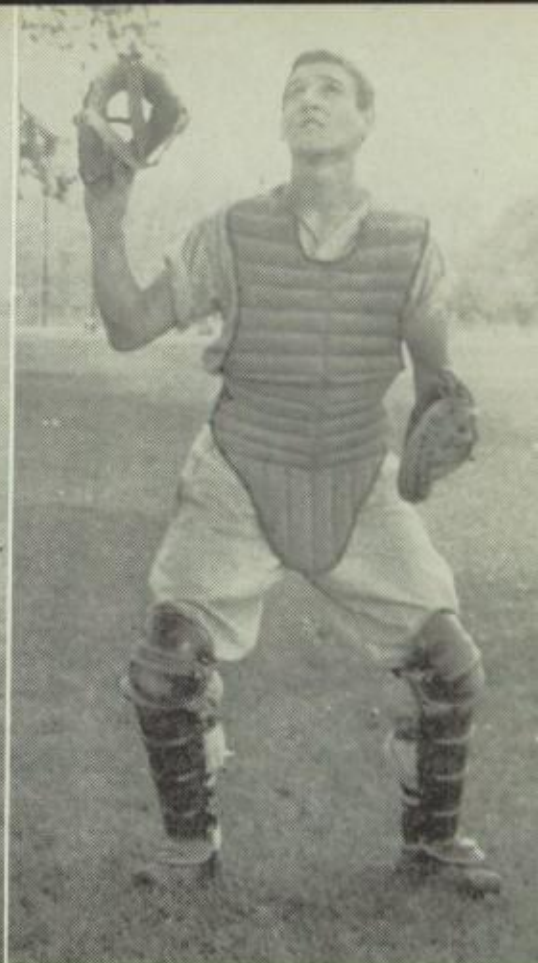
Tom Crowe



Seth Howard



Kenny McDaniels



Paul Lansaw

Baseball Record

Middletown	8
Middletown	12
Middletown	2
Middletown	4
Middletown	8
Middletown	1
Middletown	2
Middletown	0
Middletown	6
Middletown	4
Middletown	0
Middletown	1

Trenton	7
Dayton Kiser	6
Walnut Hills	0
Seven Mile	2
Miamisburg	3
Dayton Fairmont	3
Xenia Central	7
Hamilton	1
Richmond, Ind.	7
West Carrollton	0
Hamilton	6
Seven Mile	2

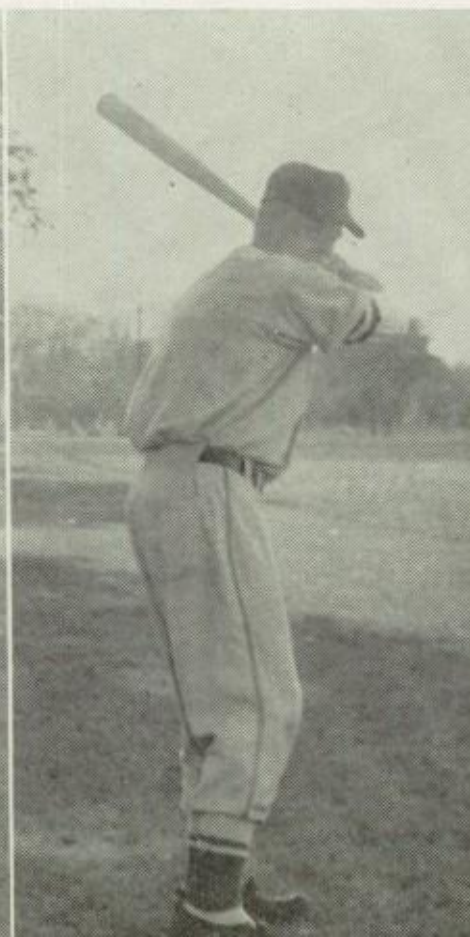
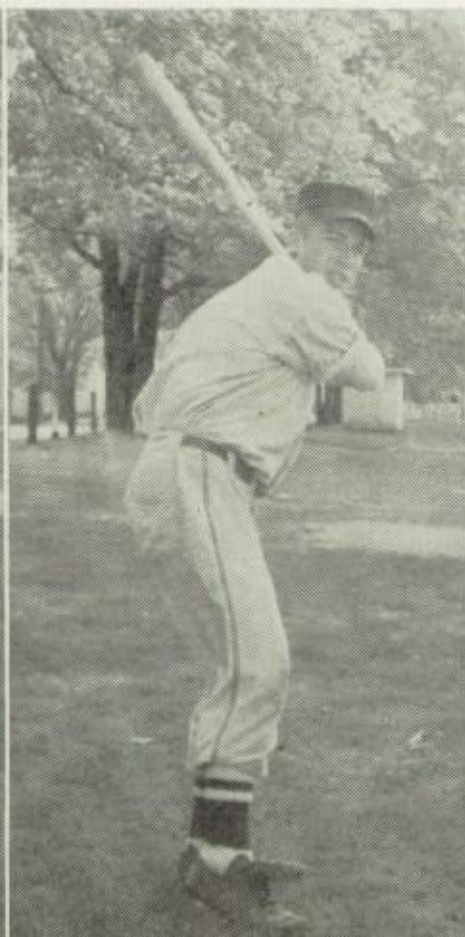
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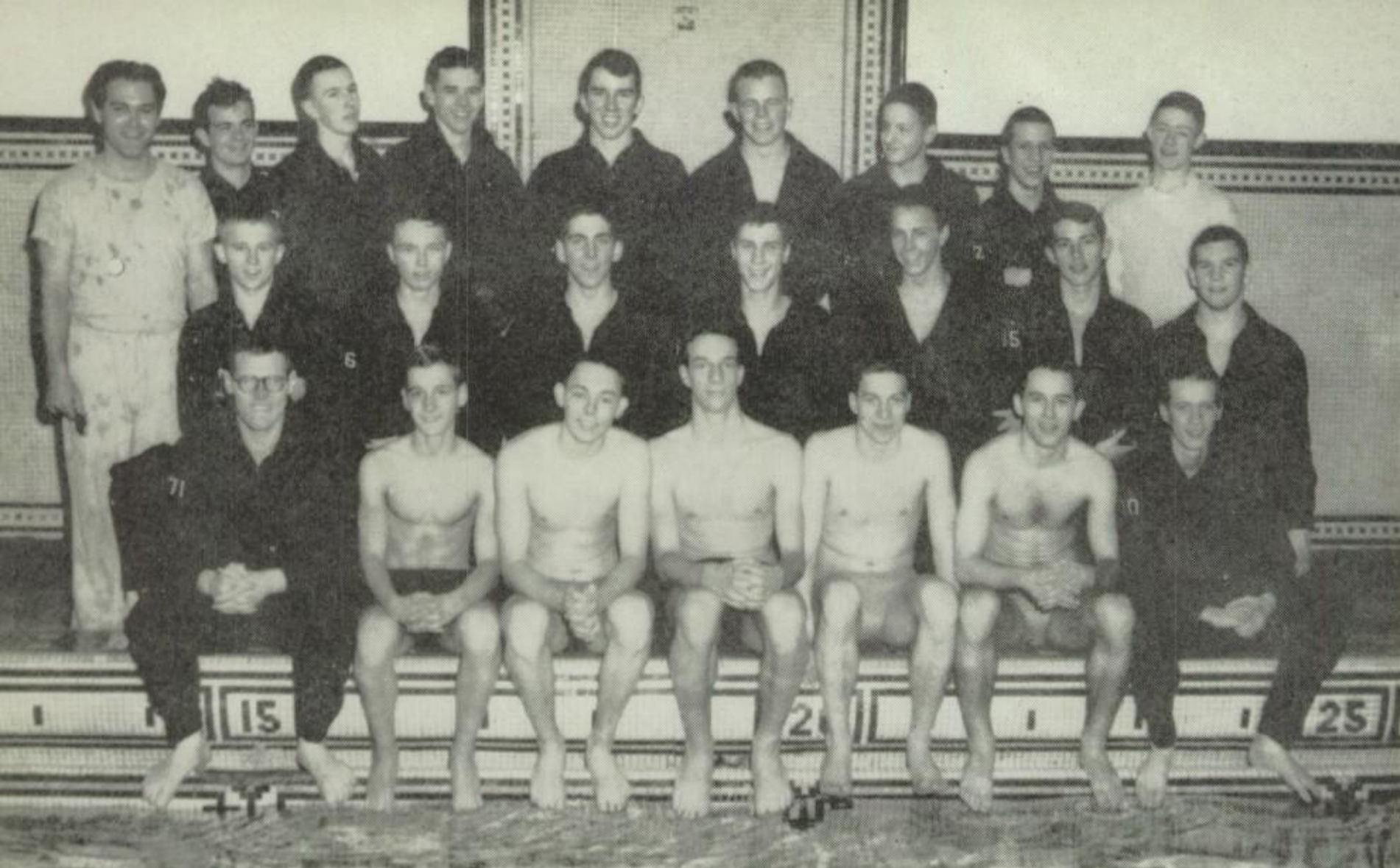
Jim Dalton

Jim Lacy

Tom Reed

Fred Sullivan





1st Row — Bill Cox, Craig Barber, Phil Heffner, Jim Spindler, Nelson Steinmetz, Dick King, Jack Denny.

2nd Row — Marvin Barker, Bill Long, Bill Walker, Captain Frank Jones, Phil Brewer, Don Van Dyne, Bill Davidson.

3rd Row — Coach Mick Ridenour, Lew Seidner, Wayne Hidy, Larry Schneider, Pat Palmer, Orville Wright, Pete Balzer, Bob Laundry, Manager Terry DeFrees.

Dick King



Swimming

The MHS Swimming Team, under the excellent coaching of Carl "Mick" Ridenour and Assistant Coach Warren Wolfe, completed its season with a fine record of eight wins and two losses in dual meets and a second and a third in the triangle meets. Most of last year's team was back, and quite a few new boys, who proved to be very helpful, came out for the team. The depth and versatility of the team brought them victory in many of their meets.

At the Southwestern Ohio District Swimming Meet at Central High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, the team tied for eighth place. Eight boys qualified for the state finals at Ohio State University. The boys qualifying were Lew Seidner, Pat Palmer, and Bill Cox in the 150 yard medley relay; Bill Davidson, Frank Jones, Wayne Hidy, and Don Van Dyne in the 200 yard freestyle relay; and Bob Laundry in the 150 yard individual medley. These boys did not compete in the state finals because the Athletic Department of MHS decided that since the swimmers might not rank in the top six contestants in their event, there would be no reason to send them to Columbus.

Swimming Record

Middletown	48	Woodward	28
Middletown	15	Walnut Hills	58
Middletown	24	Withrow	32
Middletown	45	Purcell	19
Middletown	41	Columbus, Indiana	30
Middletown	45	Purcell	27
Middletown	32	Cincinnati Central	30
Middletown	45	Columbus, Indiana	32
Middletown	45	St. Xavier	34
Middletown	44	Hamilton	24
Middletown	44	Hamilton	22

Swimmers

1. Two hard-working boys were Bill Long and Phil Heffner; both swam the 200 yard freestyle.

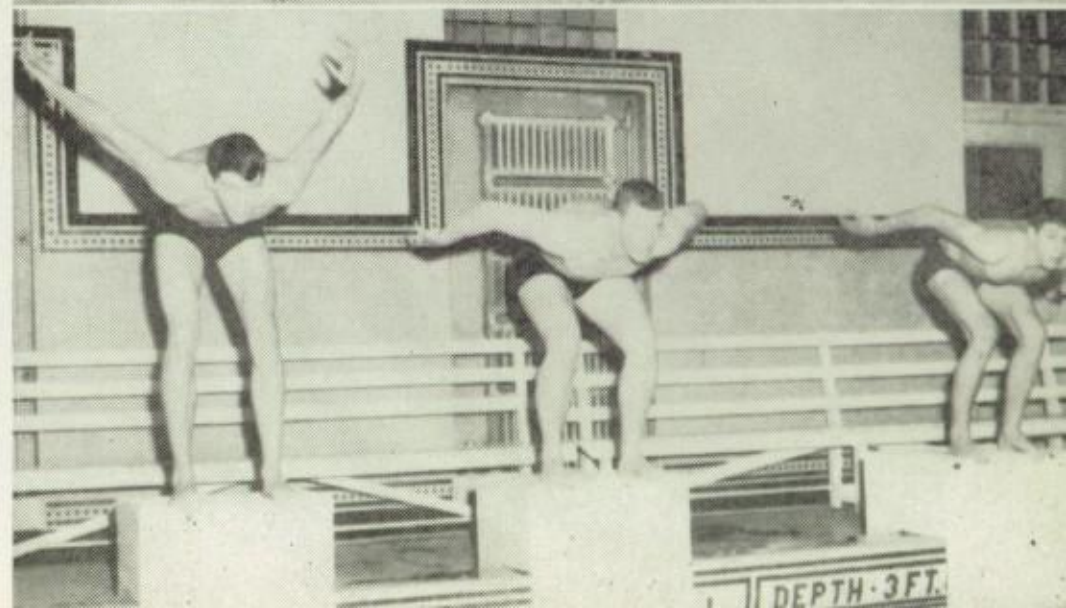
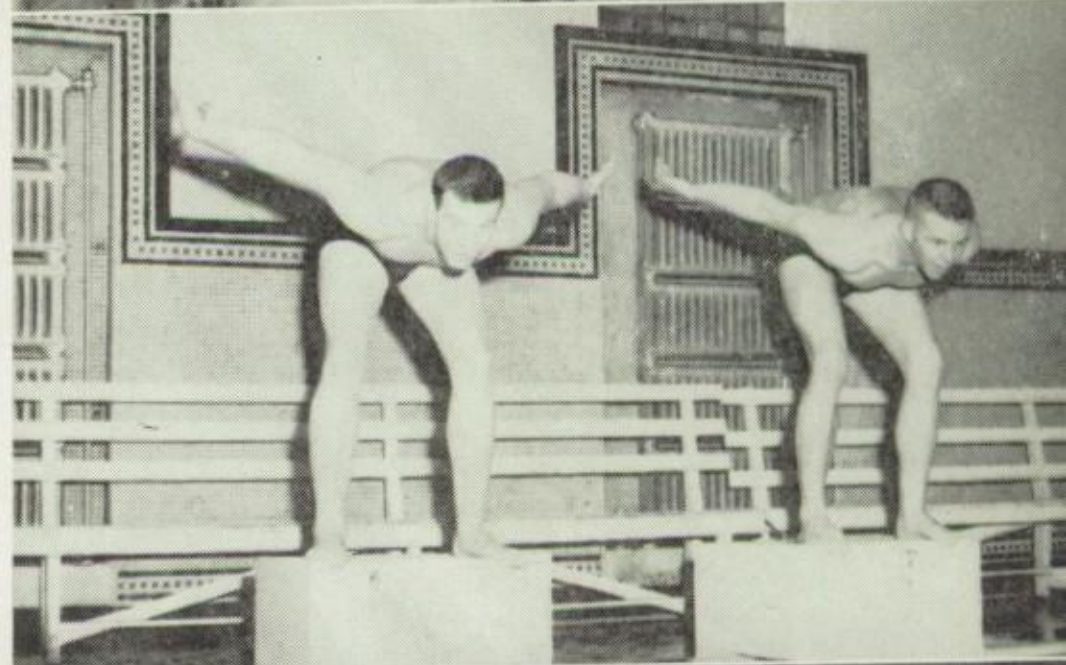
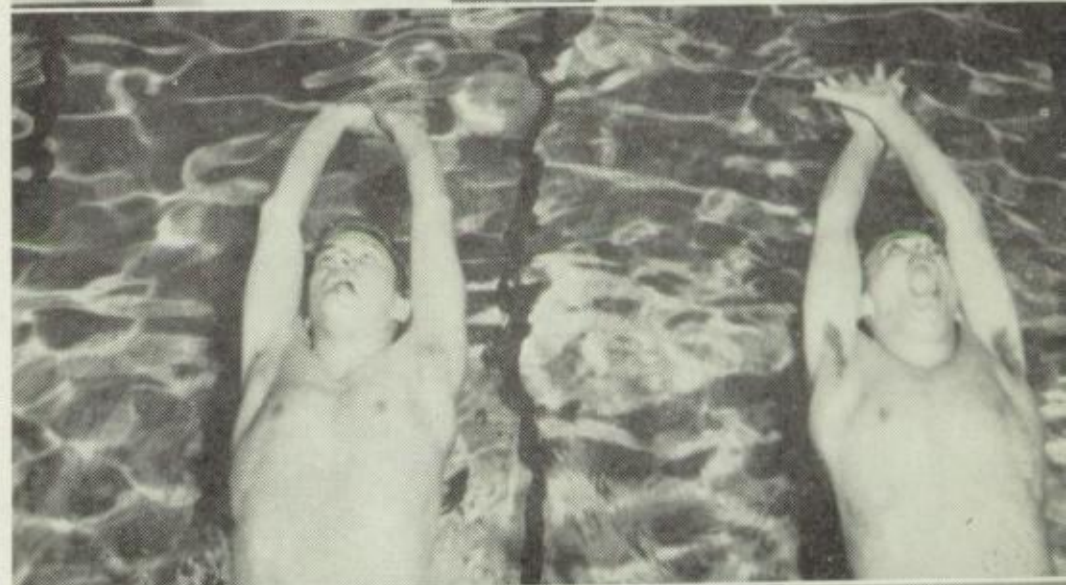
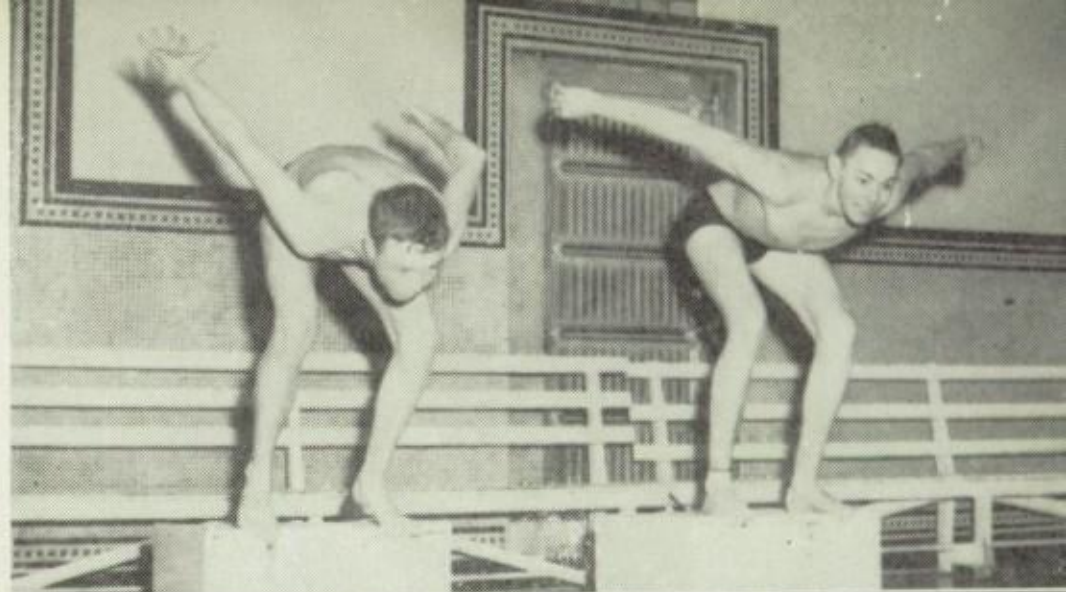
2. Starting off on a 100 yard backstroke sprint are Nelson Steinmetz and Lew Seidner.

3. Getting ready to go with the gun are Bill Davidson and Orville Wright.

4. Phil Brewer and Pat Palmer are "neck 'n neck" in the 100 yard breaststroke.

5. Don Van Dyne and Bill Cox were the competent 40 yard freestylers, while Captain Frank Jones turned in the best 100 yard freestyle time.

Left — Diver Dick King is shown doing a jack-knife while Coach "Mick" Ridenour looks on. In this, his second year of diving, Dick was defeated only once in one-meter competition, winning five times.





1st Row — Mary Jane Spies, Carol Sue Jones, Marianne Asher.

2nd Row — Charlotte Ferguson, Janice James, Sharon Kay Petry.

3rd Row — Anne Foutz, Lynn Hayes.

Girls' Tennis

The Middletown High School Girls' Tennis Team, coached by Miss Ann Sweeney, finished the season with a 5-2 record. They succeeded in defeating Hamilton and Wyoming in two matches each, and Fairmont in one match. Their only two defeats were handed them by Dayton Oakwood. These defeats were the first in two years.

Middletown
Middletown
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Middletown

1
5
5
5
4
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Hamilton
Fairmont
Wyoming
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Wyoming
Oakwood

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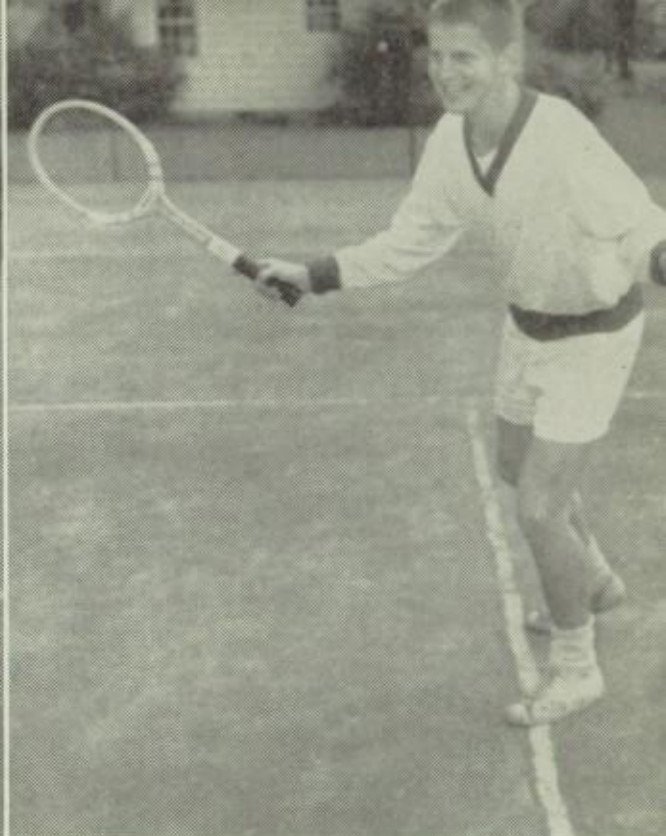
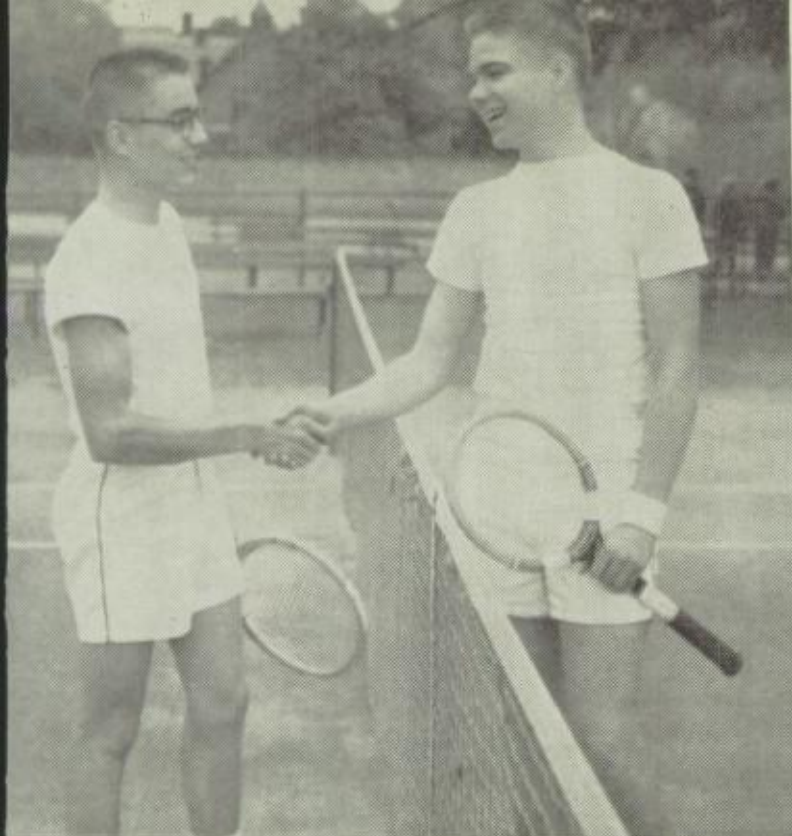
Lynn Hayes

Marianne Asher

Charlotte Ferguson

Mary Jane Spies





Kenny Rupp

Mack Maffett

Fritz Foutz

Pat Arnold

Tennis

The Middletown High School Boys' Tennis Team, coached by Harold Mason, completed a very successful season with a record of 12 wins and only one loss. Fritz Foutz won the singles title of the GOL, while Mack Maffett and Ken Rupp teamed up to win the doubles. The Middies also added to their spoils the runner-up spot in Dayton District in both singles and doubles matches.

Middletown	4
Middletown	5
Middletown	4
Middletown	5
Middletown	4
Middletown	5
Middletown	5

Withrow	1
Western Hills	0
Walnut Hills	1
Hamilton	0
Wyoming	1
Fairview	0
Hamilton	0

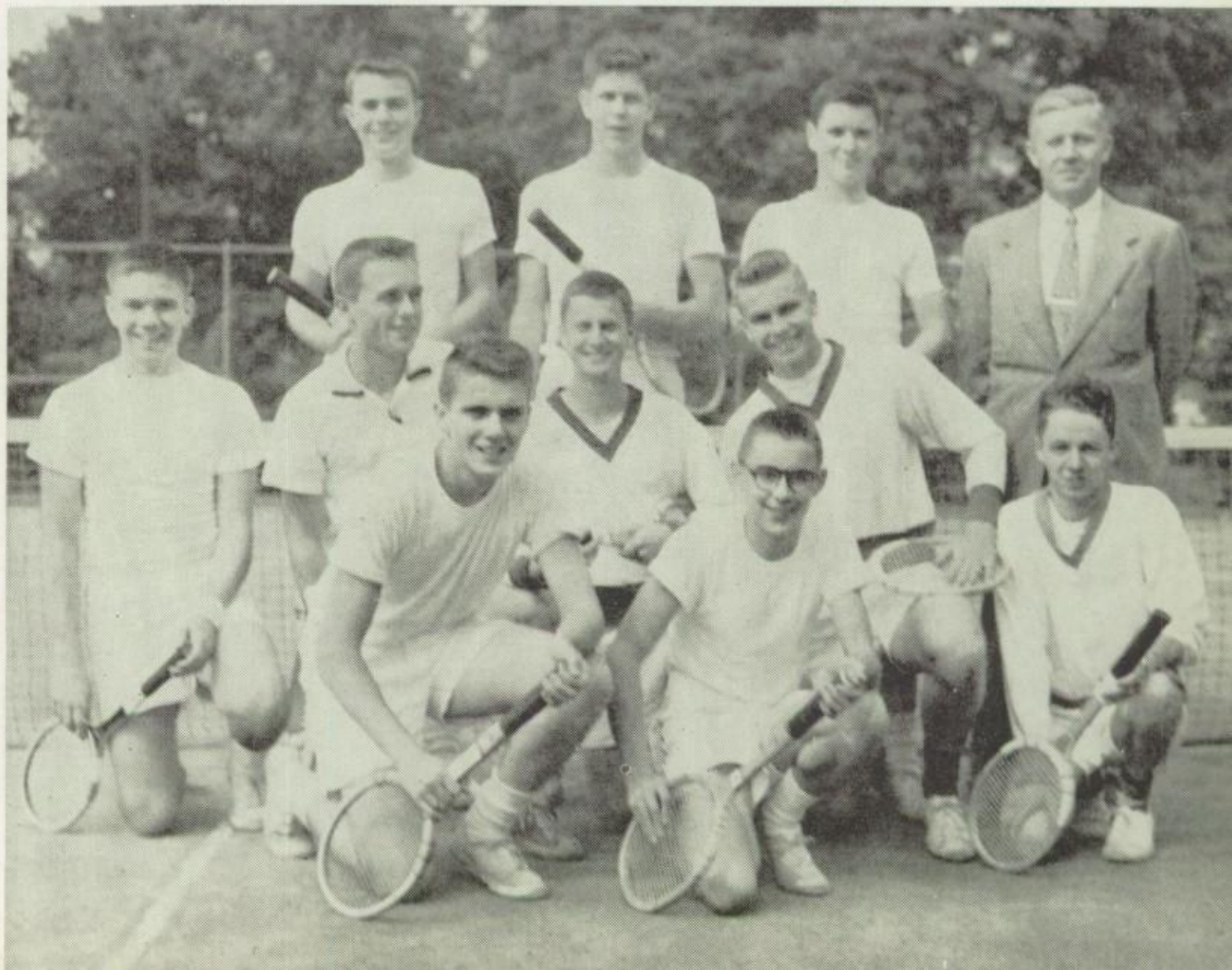
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Middletown	4
Middletown	5
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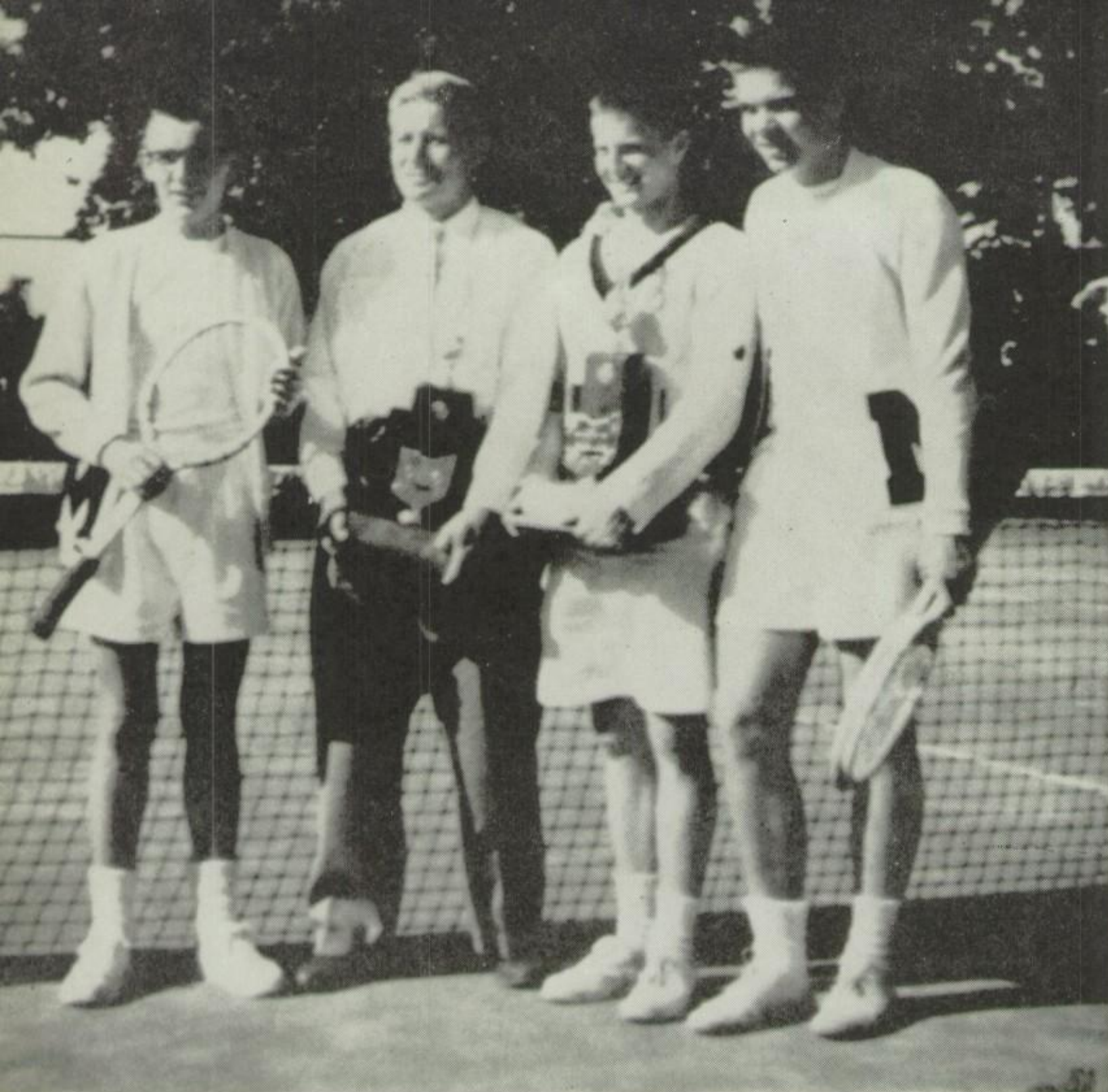
Mariemont	3
Wyoming	2
Richmond	0
Hamilton	1
Oakwood	0
Hamilton	0

1st Row — Kenny Naudin, Kenny Rupp, Phil Price.

2nd Row — Mack Maffett, Art Draut, Pat Arnold, Fritz Foutz.

3rd Row — Doug McKnight, Tom Wiley, Ron Finkleman, Coach Harold Mason.





Kenny Rupp

Coach Harold Mason

Pat Arnold

Mack Maffett

State Tennis Champs

Middletown increased its tennis fame in 1954 as they won both the State Singles and Doubles Championship.

Pat Arnold, who had played first singles all year, went all the way to win the first Singles Championship ever at MHS. He won a rousing 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 victory over the highly-touted Kay Champion of Dayton. His victory was sweet revenge, as Champion had previously defeated Arnold in the Dayton District meet.

Ken Rupp and Mack Maffett, who played first doubles all through the year, won the second Doubles Championship for MHS with a well-earned 6-4, 7-5 victory over the Polte brothers of Springfield. Rupp and Maffett, who previously had won the G. O. L. Doubles Championship and were runners-up in the Dayton District, went undefeated during the regular season.

With these well-earned victories Middletown has been gaining fame throughout the state as the "Tennis Capital of Ohio."

1st Row — Ed Green, Eric Back,
Owen Lawson, David Polisini.

2nd Row — Bob Stevens, Jack Sizer,
Jerry Cole, Kenneth Howard.



Softball

The softball champs of last spring were *Clyde's Boys*. They defeated all others in a round-robin tournament at Lincoln Field to become the school champions.

Intramurals

This year, for the first time, the five bowlers having the highest averages in the intramural bowling league were allowed to go to Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the American Bowling Congress Tournament. They were the only high school team entered and competed with 37 other men's teams from all over the United States. The Middies compiled a 2434 total. Leading the way was Paul Lansaw with 529, while Don Bowlin had 512, Larry Conarro 486, Gary Gustin 460, and Charles Vinson 447. Their trip to Fort Wayne was sponsored by the Middletown Bowling Association, and they were accompanied on the trip by Jack Frisby and Fred Banker.



Bowling

Paul Lansaw, Larry Conarro, Sponsor Jack Frisby, Charles Vinson, Don Bowlin, Gary Gustin.



1st Row — Don Van Dyne, David Wells, Bill Walker, Bill Selby, Paul Brewer.
2nd Row — Jack Taylor, Jerry Leak, Phil Brewer.

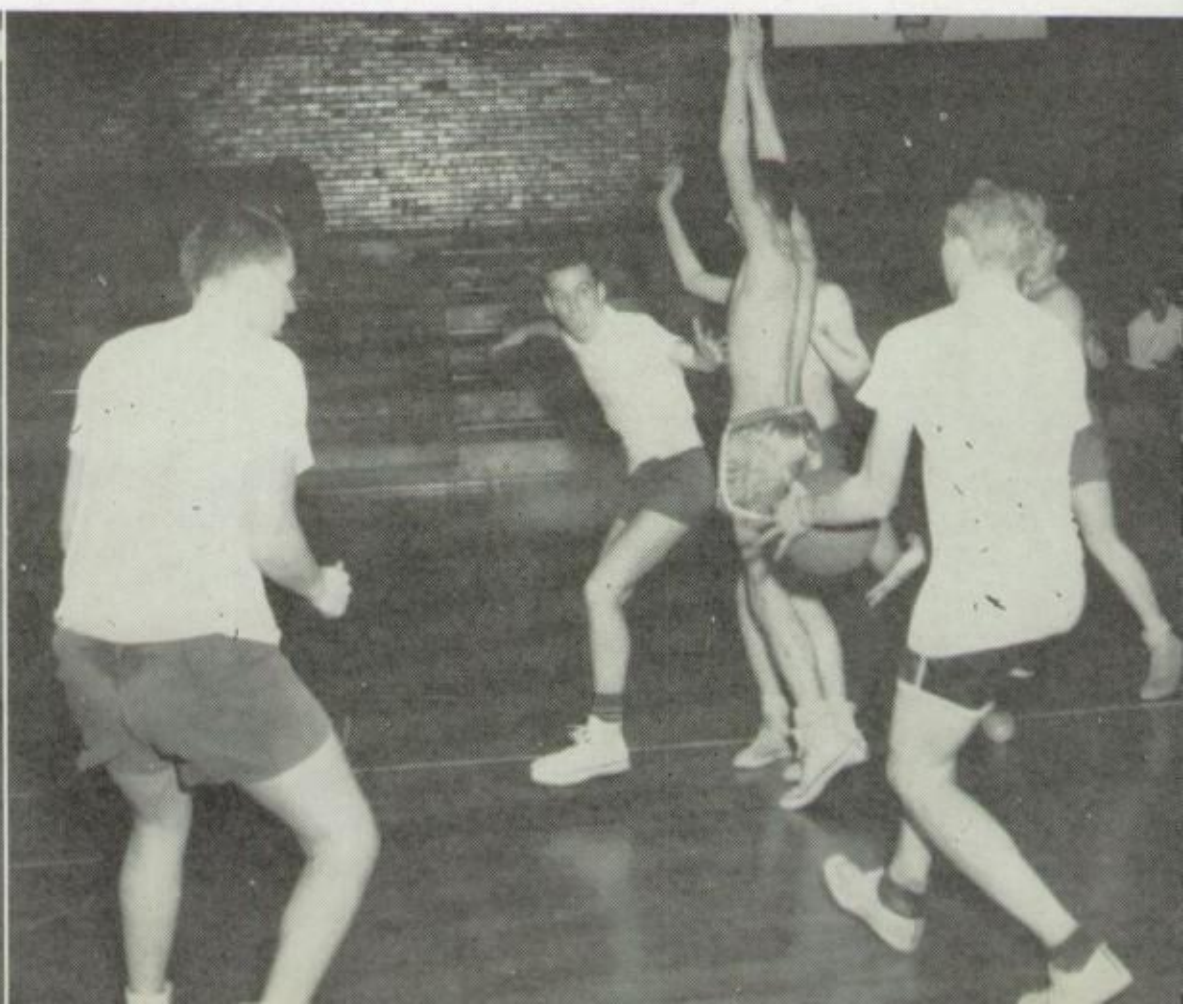
Touch Football

The touch football champs of last fall were the *Spartans* who ran roughshod over every other team in the league. All games were played at Lincoln Field.

Intramurals

Volleyball

Each year the volleyball tournament is played too late for the champs to be announced in the current yearbook. Last year's winners were *John's Jokers*.



Basketball

The basketball champs this year were the *Fakers*, a team composed of all juniors. They beat the sophomores and then eked out a win over the senior division champs to emerge as school champs. They were later beaten in a close game by Hamilton's intramural champs.



1st Row — Doug McKnight, Ivan Lawson, Jack Taylor, Mike Mehl.
2nd Row — Jerry Leak, Tim Draut, Steve Zeller, John Day.

Intramurals

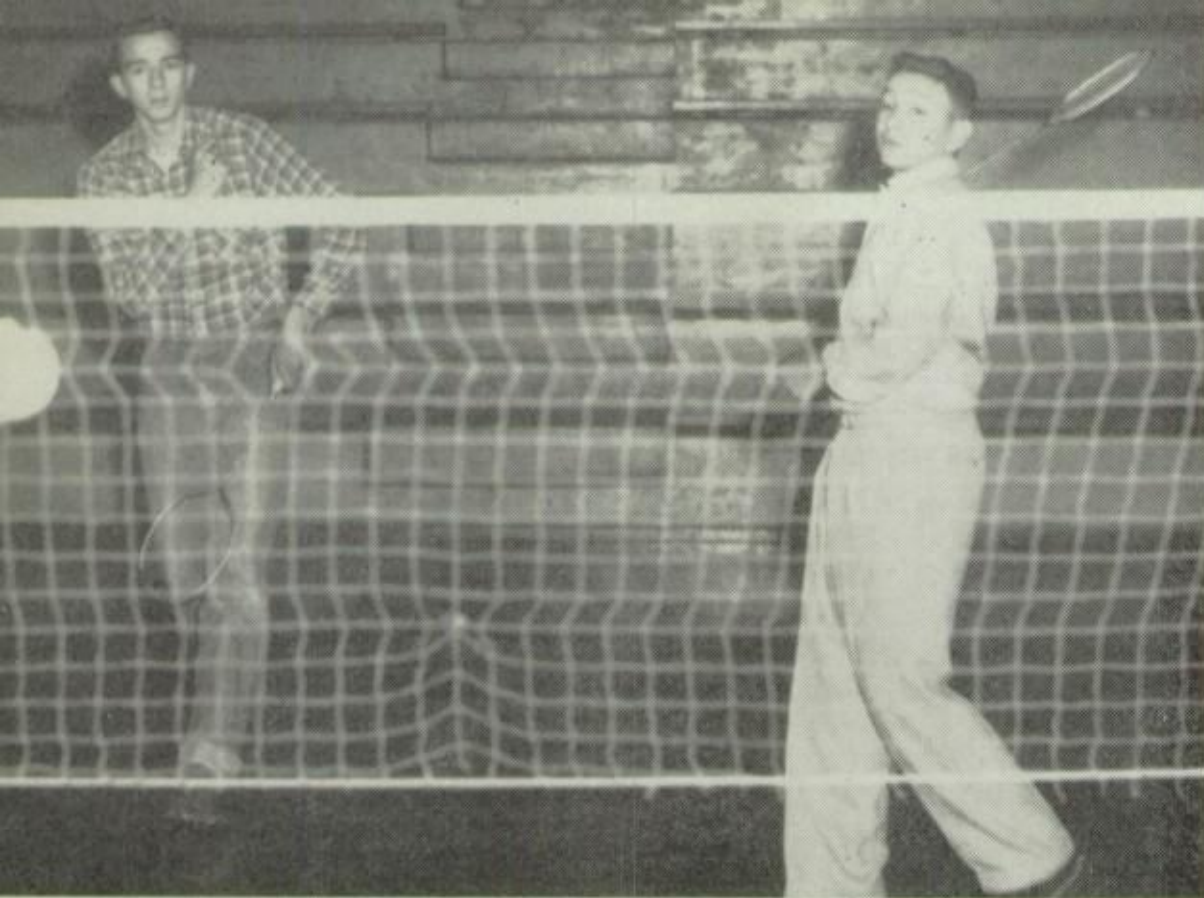
Hockey

The hockey champions this year were the *Aces*. They faced a rough schedule as every team does in this rugged sport; however, they waded through their schedule to become the champions.

HOCKEY ACTION

Paul Gates, Art Baker, Vernon Allen, David Vinson, LeRoy Roberts, Goalie Charles Winkelman.





Dick Griffis

Ross Blaine

Badminton

Dick Griffis and Ross Blaine won the badminton doubles crown as they edged out the others. There was no badminton singles champion.

Intramurals

High Jump

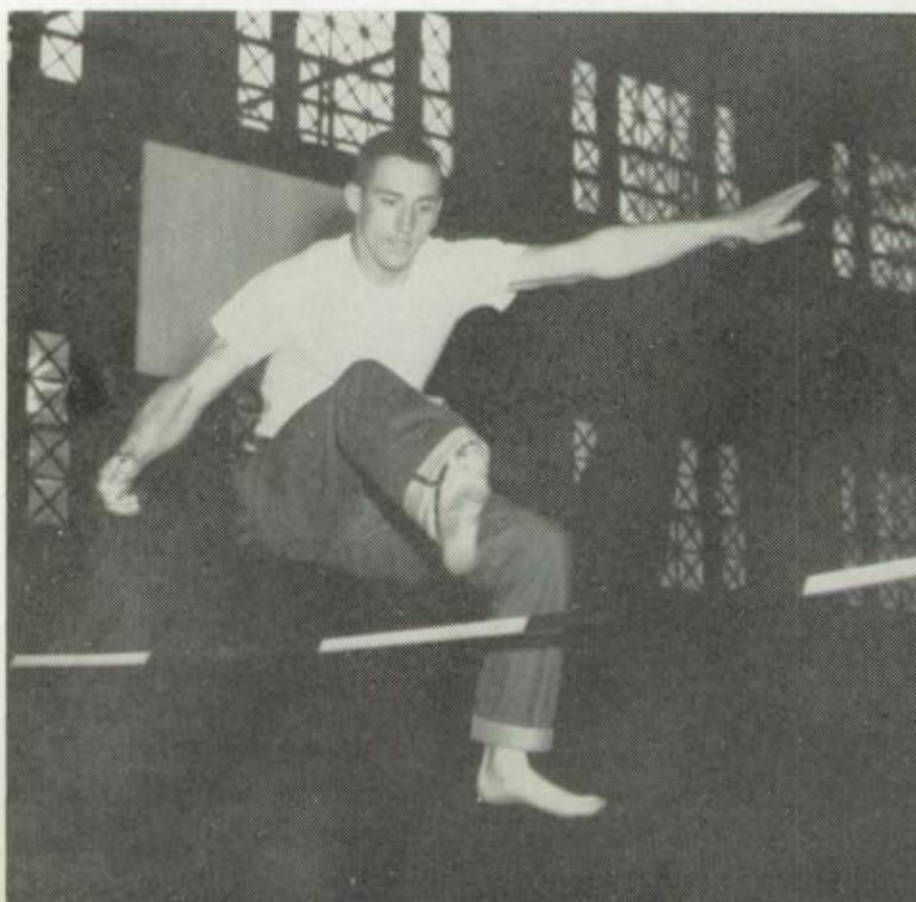
Roger Mattingly was the high jump champ this year when he reached 5'8".

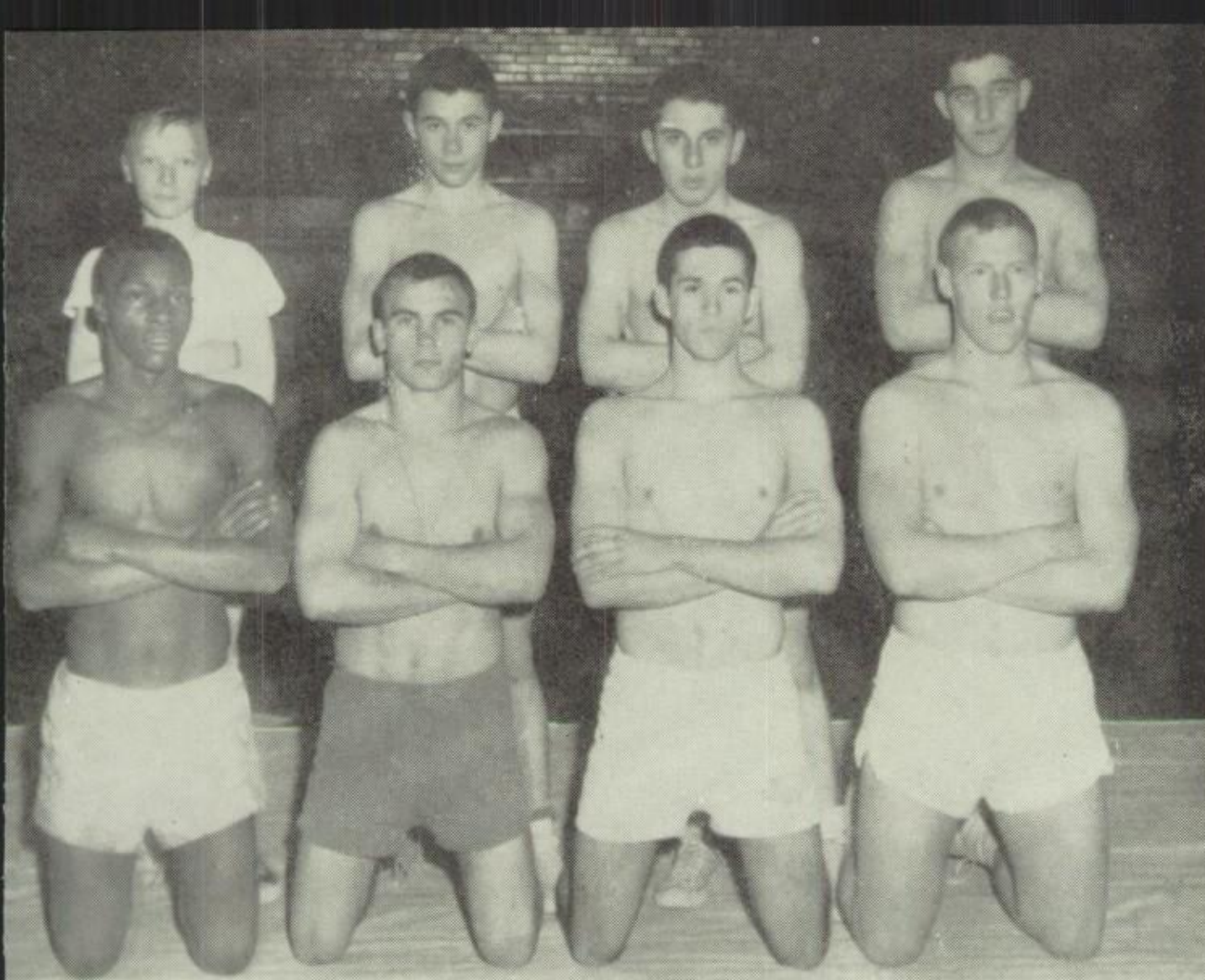
Marathon Distance Running

In a test of endurance Ed Johanson won the marathon distance running this year by outlasting the other runners. Eddie lasted for 301 laps, a feat which took him 3 hours and 3 minutes.

Roger Mattingly

Ed Johnson





1st Row — James Snow, 153 lbs; Tony Elieff, 165 lbs; Junior Brown, 178 lbs; Bill Cox, unlimited.

2nd Row — John Blevins, 105 lbs; Freddie Parella, 115 lbs; Adam DiCristoforo, 128 lbs; Bob Womack, 140 lbs.

Wrestling

The wrestling tournament was held after school this year and was refereed by Coach Fred Banker. The finalists from each division in each gym class wrestled in rounds of 2 minutes each.

Foul Shooting

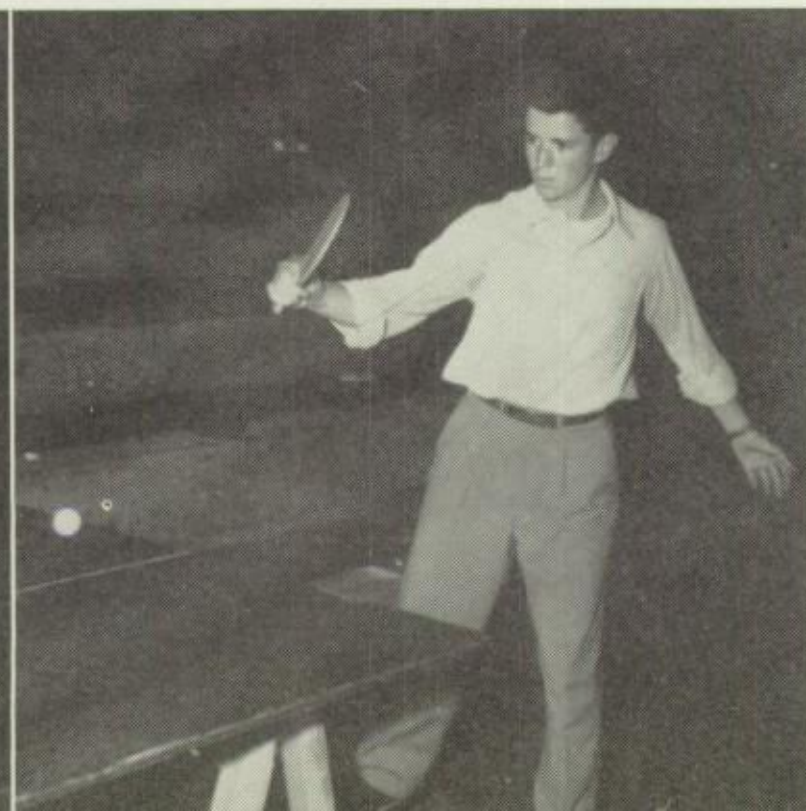
The free throw champ this year was Kenny Helfman as he sank 86 of 100 attempts. He replaced John Buehl, who won last year.

Table Tennis

Ronnie Finkleman emerged as champion from a large field of aspirants for the table tennis championship.

Horseshoe Throwing

LeRoy Roberts won the horseshoe throwing crown for the second straight year. There was a slim field of eight trying to win the crown from LeRoy.



Kenny Helfman

Ronnie Finkleman

LeRoy Roberts

Managers

The managers for G. A. A., chosen by the senior board members and the adviser, Miss Ann Sweeney, are each in charge of a sport. Their duties include listing all players, dividing them into teams, and posting and keeping totals of games and the players who participated in them.

1st Row — Wanda Jackson, tennis; Carol Sue Jones, badminton; Janet Lewis, bowling.

2nd Row — Connie Brown, golf; Joann Blevins, marathon and hiking; Nancy Kilburn, swimming.

3rd Row — Christine Bugitzedes, volleyball; Ruby Joslin, riding.

4th Row — Jean Thomas, basketball; Jearlene Rogers, table tennis.

Absent — Brenda Siegfried, archery; Donna Pearce, softball.



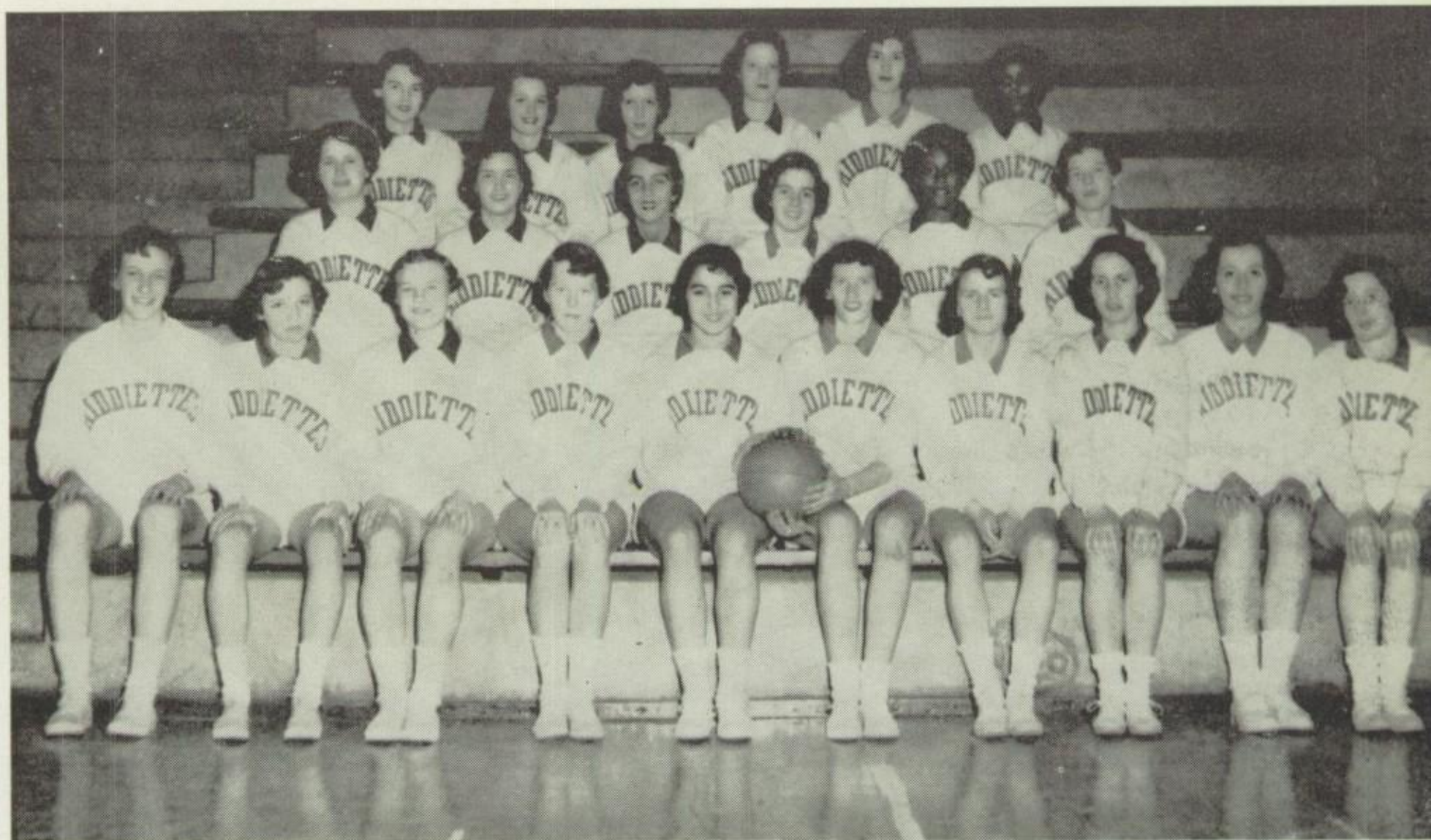
Girls' Athletic Association

The G. A. A. Board, composed of the officers, social chairman and publicity chairman, govern the activities of the Girls' Athletic Association. These six girls, elected by the members of the organization, meet when necessary to plan the various meetings and activities. The organization, itself, under the direction of Miss Ann Sweeney, has among its projects the annual G. A. A. Banquet, at which time letters are awarded, and the Sadie Hawkins' Dance.

Sitting — Phyllis Barker, social chairman; Janice James, vice-president; Sharon Kay Petry, president; Carolyn Jones, secretary; Linda Moore, publicity chairman.

Standing — Mary Sue Goodwin, treasurer.





1st Row — Janice James, Sharon Kay Petry, Mary Sue Goodwin, Ruby Joslin, Christine Bugitzedes, Jean Thomas, Donna Pearce, Neoma Ratliff, Carolyn Jones, Anita Brate.

2nd Row — Wanda Jackson, Betsy Little, Carolyn Wikoff, Brenda Siegfried, Marilyn Kemp, Carol Sue Jones.

3rd Row — Robin Banker, Lynn Lawson, Robin Caldwell, Donna Bellamy, Virginia Hafer, Marilyn Holmes.

Middiettes

Both the varsity and junior varsity teams of the Middiettes, the girls' basketball team, were undefeated this year. These nine seniors, seven juniors, and six sophomores, under the supervision of Miss Ann Sweeney, did a wonderful job of playing basketball to keep this record. Of the eight varsity games the one with Tecumseh was the most exciting. For the first time in three years Tecumseh was defeated, although only by a narrow margin of 3 points. Another interesting game was an unscheduled one with Oxford Stewart in which Oxford scored only 22 points, their lowest for the year.

A TEAM RECORD

Middletown	59	Fairfield	11
Middletown	55	Dayton Oakwood	16
Middletown	44	Franklin	23
Middletown	40	Wyoming	26
Middletown	35	Tecumseh	32
Middletown	60	Trenton	25
Middletown	49	Fairmont	34
Middletown	54	Hamilton	14

B TEAM RECORD

Middletown	20	Fairfield	9
Middletown	59	Dayton Oakwood	26
Middletown	20	Franklin	8
Middletown	26	Wyoming	10
Middletown	23	Tecumseh	17
Middletown	42	Trenton	14
Middletown	29	Fairmont	14
Middletown	36	Hamilton	7

Swimming

All G. A. A. members interested in swimming report to the Y.M.C.A. each Tuesday afternoon. They may work for points in the six different classifications. These points count toward the total for awards at the spring banquet. There was no rhythmic swimming team this year.



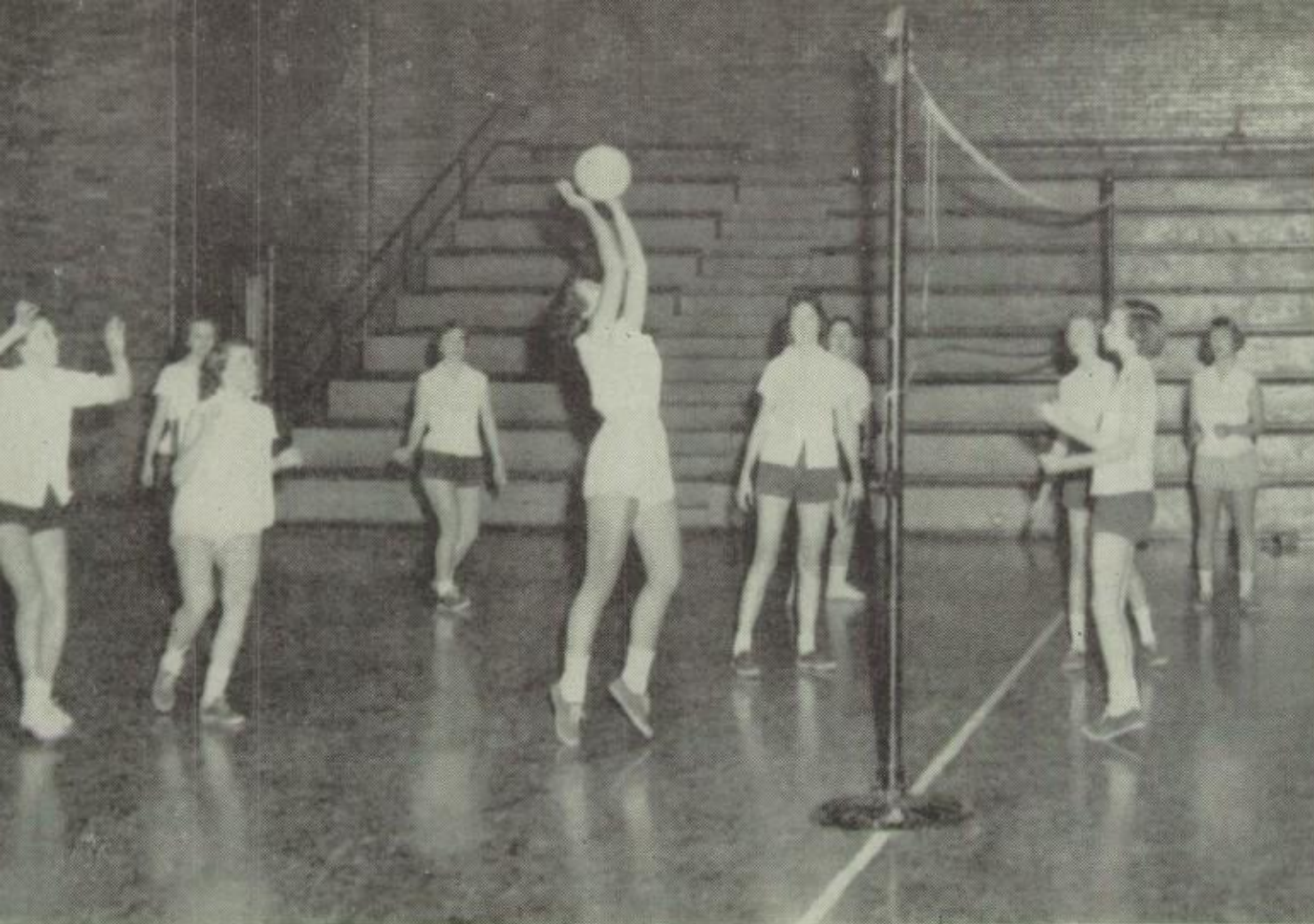
Girls' Athletic Association

Girls running in the Marathon must run ten laps around the indoor track before any points can be issued to qualify her for points toward her G. A. A. award. A girl may run any number of laps; the girl with the most laps is awarded a medal to show that she possessed speed, endurance, and stamina.

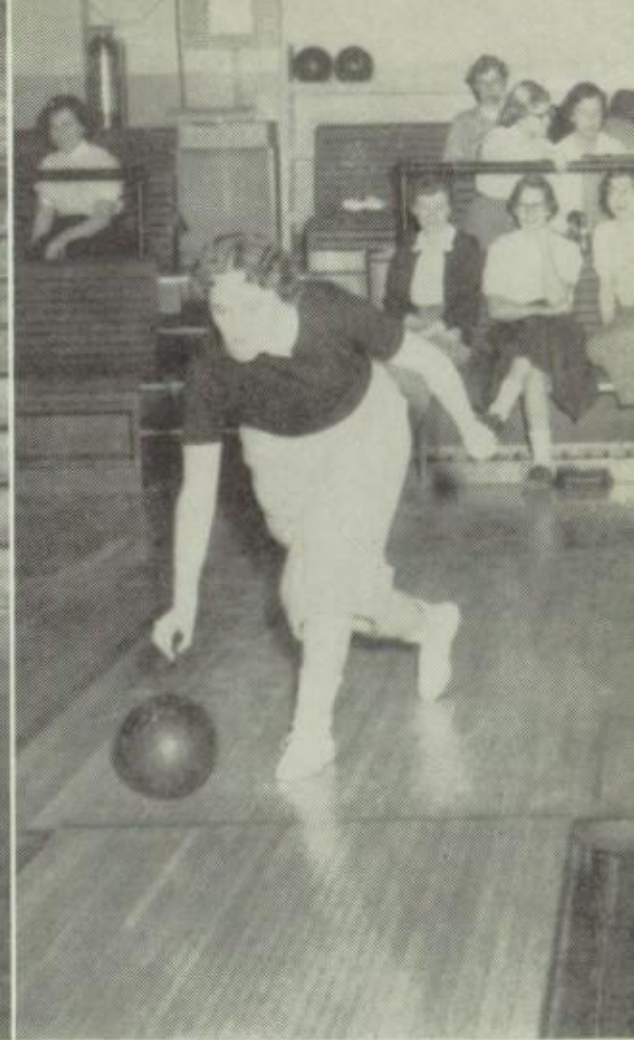
BASKETBALL ACTION

1st Row — Shirley Searse, Peggy Spence.
2nd Row — Shirley Stamper, Judy Sabo.
3rd Row — Mary Sue Goodwin, Ruby Joslin.





Carol Ferguson, Glenna Cornwell, Lois Roper, Louann Merrick, Claire Crowley, Pat Augspurger, Shirley Stamper, Breelie Mattingly.



Sharon Kay Petry; Mary Sue Goodwin, captain; Carolyn Endebrock; Mary Canter; Pat Peters.

Girls' Athletic Association

The G. A. A. volleyball teams were divided into two leagues. The Monday night league, captained by Glenna Cornwell, defeated the Wednesday night league in an over-time game to become the school champs.

Any girl who wished to bowl signed up with Miss Sweeney, who assigned them to teams. The juniors and seniors bowled at the YMCA and the sophomores at the Bowl-Mor. The *Nameless* team won the championship.

Table tennis matches were played after school and in gym classes.

Jearlene Rogers, Barbara McCarty.

Badminton tournaments were scheduled to be played off in April and May.

Carol Burns, Sue Ann Fisher.





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First Honor for Girls—\$15.00 Shirley Ann Armitage
Second Honor for Girls—\$10.00 Nancy Lee Yocom
First Honor for Boys—\$15.00 Owen D. Lawson
Second Honor for Boys—\$10.00 Mack David Maffett
- ALPHA COUNCIL NO. 326, JR. O. U. A. M.—
High Honors in Citizenship:
\$10 and Plaque Arthur William Draut, Jr.
- GARDNER BOARD AND CARTON COMPANY
—Award in Community Service:
\$100 Savings Bond Patricia Ann Gerber
- EARLE R. SEIDNER AWARD FOR SERVICE—
\$5 Hugh Lee Palmer
- LES DOUZE AMIES—
Award in Better Inter-racial Relations:
First Honor—\$10.00 Charlotte Gaynelle Ferguson
Second Honor—\$5.00 George Elbert Cain
- THE AMERICAN LEGION AMERICANISM FOUNDATION
First Honor (The Charles F. Wilmore Memorial)
—\$15.00 Richard E. McIntire
Second Honor (Middletown Post 218 Award)
—\$10.00 Thomas Mullen Reed
Third Honor (Middletown Post 218 Award)—
—\$5.00 Everett Martin Egeiston
- ARMCO ASSOCIATION—
Football Ronald K. Whitt
Basketball Owen D. Lawson
- BOOSTERS' CLUB—Athletic Scholarship:
\$200 toward tuition to college Owen D. Lawson
- A. A. U. W. SCHOLARSHIP—
\$100 toward tuition to college
Nancy Kirk Berkey
- MIDDLETOWN KIWANIS CLUB—The Ralph E. Kah Memorial Scholarship in Nursing:
Three years' tuition at Middletown Hospital School of Nursing Wenda Lee South
- MIDDLETOWN HOSPITAL SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNI—
\$50 toward tuition at the Middletown Hospital School of Nursing Janice L. Margerum
- MIDDLETOWN CLASSROOM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION—
\$50 toward tuition at an Accredited Teacher Training College Joan Anita Frazier
- MU CHAPTER, PHI BETA PSI SORORITY—
The Helen Schatzmann Memorial Award:
\$25 toward college training for Elementary Teaching Judith Ann Sander
- MIDDLETOWN SCHOLAR—
At the University of Cincinnati:
One Year's Tuition Louis Christy
- SELMA COHEN MEMORIAL FUND—Given by Beth Sholom Sisterhood, National Council of Jewish Women:
\$110 toward tuition to college Carol West
- HELEN MATHEWS MUSIC MEMORIAL—
\$50 toward tuition in a recognized school of music Shirley Ann Armitage
- DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION—Excellence in American History:
A Gold Medal Robert Harold Norris
- CHARLES PALMER DAVIS MEDAL—Excellence in Current History:
A Bronze Medal Kathleen Anita Pierson
A Bronze Medal Shirley Ann Stegemiller
- BAUSCH AND LOMB—Excellence in Scientific Research:
A Bronze Medal William Edwin Dorenbusch
- ARION NATIONAL MUSIC FOUNDATION AWARD (KIWANIS CLUB)—
A Gold Medal Robert Willis Bell
- CATHERINE AND LOUIS SCHOMER MEMORIAL—Foundation in Household Arts:
First Honor—\$10.00 Mary Jane Spies
Second Honor—\$5.00 Jane Eleanor List
- MARGARET PINKERTON MEMORIAL (GIVEN BY WAR MOTHERS)—Excellence in Home Science:
\$3.50 Raymond William Lockhart
\$3.50 Charles Fredrick Whitehead
\$3.50 Daniel J. Wise
- SCHEIBERT NURSING AWARD—
First Honor (Tie)—
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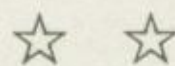
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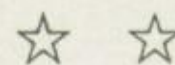
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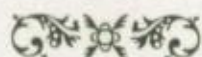
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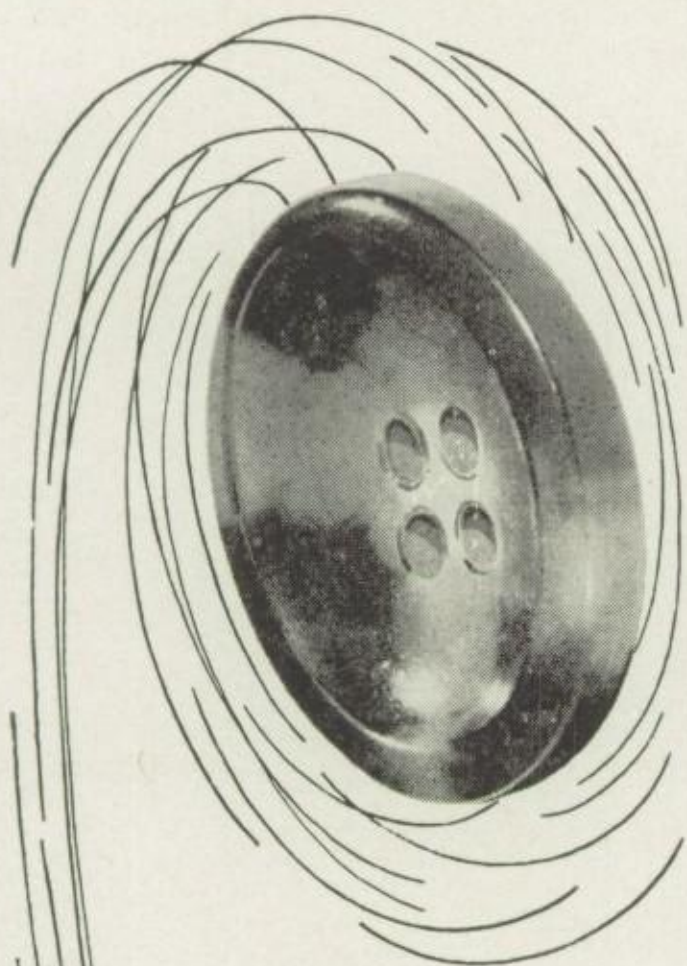
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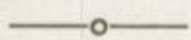
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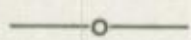
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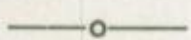
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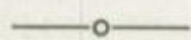
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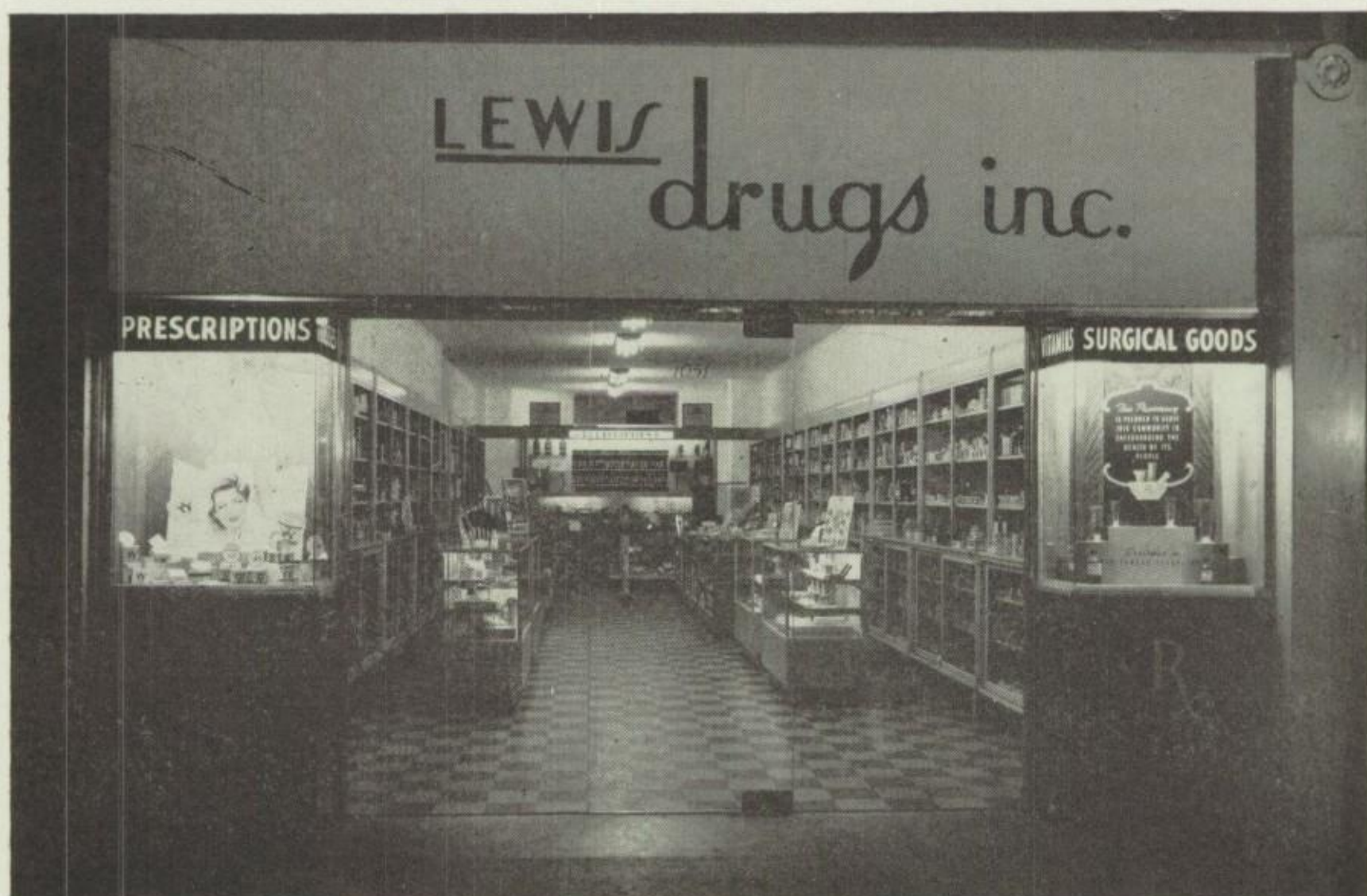
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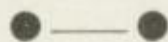
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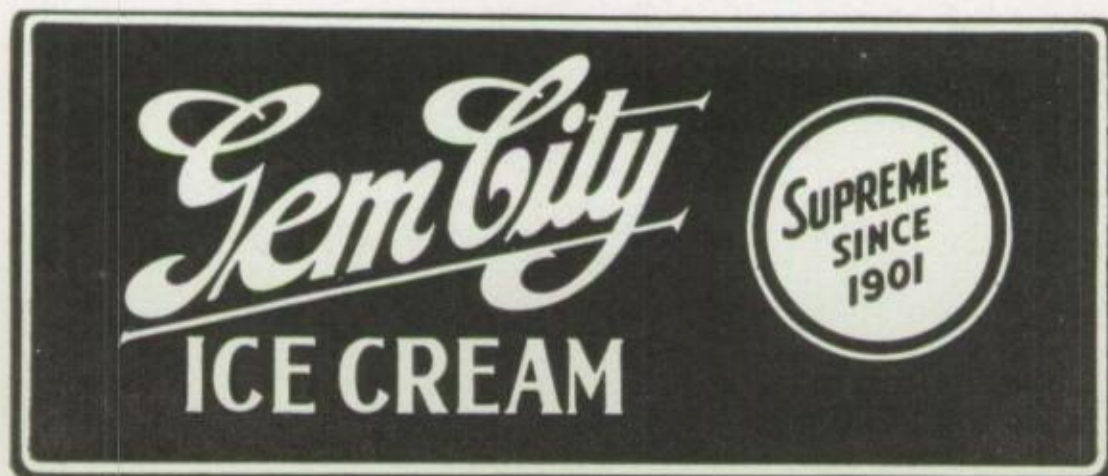
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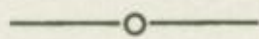
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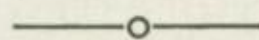
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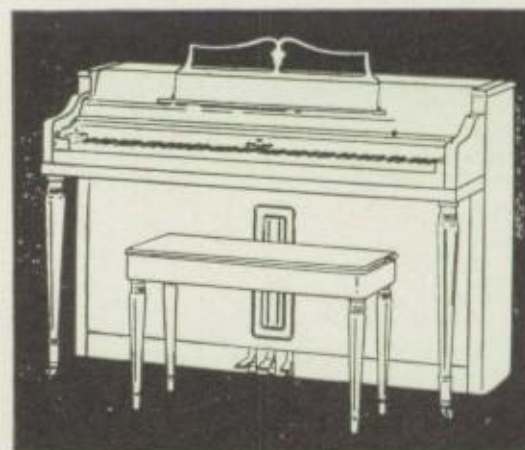
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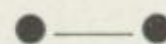
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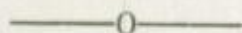
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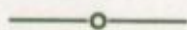
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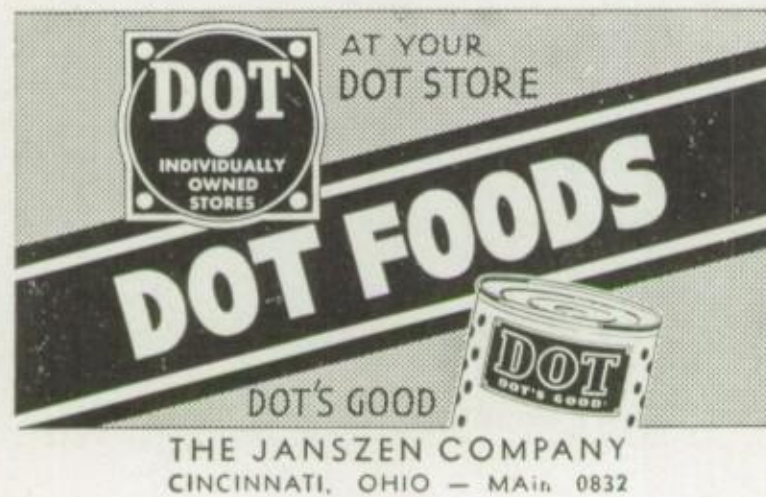
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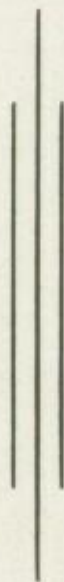
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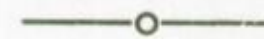
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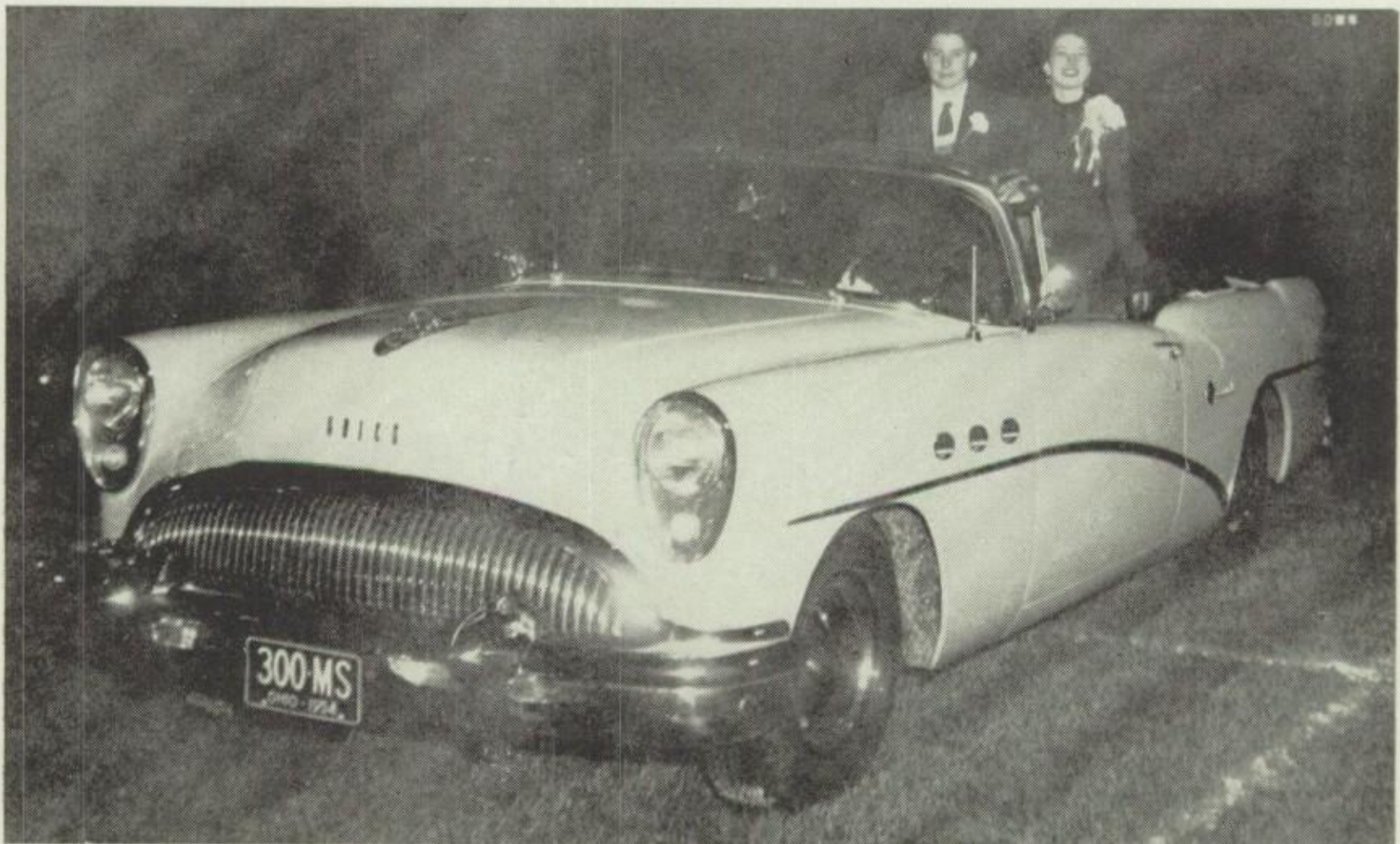
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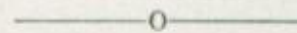


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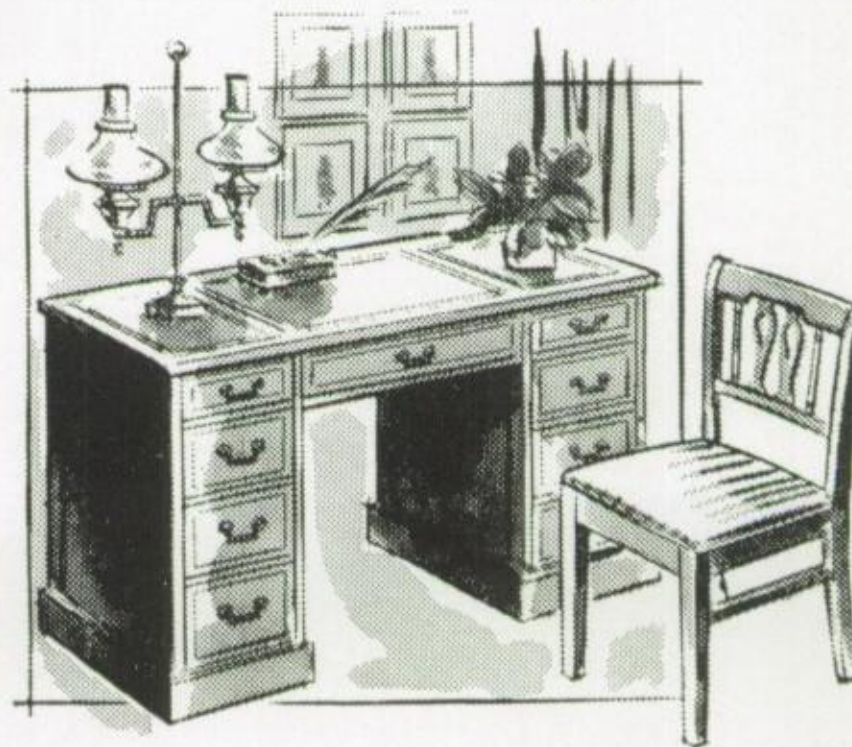
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have a good
time. I hope
you will
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